

**Course of Study**  
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At the museum we have a booklet titled “**Course of Study Rules and Regulations of the Krum Public School for the Session of 1917-1918 Krum Texas.**” With a new school year beginning I thought it might be interesting to look at the Krum School system for the 1917-1918 session.

**LOCATION:** Krum is a thriving little town of 500 people, located in the western portion of Denton County, on the Santa Fe railroad, thirty-nine miles north of Fort Worth and twenty-eight miles south of Gainesville. A fine gravel pike road extends from Krum to Denton, the county site. The town proper is located on sand, surrounded by the richest black soil in the state. The farm land sells from \$100 to \$150 per acre.

Krum is noted for being one of the best market towns in the state of Texas. Grain and cotton buyers always pay the top prices for products brought to Krum; the merchants pay current prices for all produce also. No farmer ever comes to Krum and goes away dissatisfied with the price paid of their products, whatever they be. The principal farm products marketed here are wheat, oats, barley, corn, hay, cotton and a few potatoes, cabbage and tomatoes.

The town has a modern school building, four nice churches, several fraternal orders, a good water and electric light system, two hardware stores, a bank, a telephone exchange, two gins, one furniture store, two lumber yards, two drug stores, a garage, a moving picture theatre, a real estate firm, a mill, a millinery store, a barber shop, tailor shop, shoe shop, two dry goods stores, three elevators, three grocery stores, two doctors' offices, wagon yard, two auto livery service lines, newspaper, restaurant, ice house, hotel, post office and two blacksmith shops. The town has a beautiful residence district and its citizens are the most congenial in the state.

**TRUSTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:**

We the School board of Krum take pleasure in making the annual announcement of the Krum Public School. We are pleased to announce that we have again secured the services of Supt W.L. Mitchell, who for the past two years has had charge of the school and through his laborious efforts our school has been lifted to a higher standard.

We are also glad to announce that we have been enabled to employ Prof. J.P. Sanders, our former principal, as principal again this year. Mr. Sanders has had practically a year's University training since he was last connected to the school.

As grade teachers, we are gratified to say that we will have Misses Raine and Rose, two of our former grade teachers whose work has proven satisfactory in the past. Miss Alma Howe, who taught as supernumerary last year and won the admiration of both pupils and parents; and Miss Nannie Wilson, a home girl, who has for the past two years done work in Texas Woman's College at Fort Worth.

Also we are more than delighted to say that Miss Lauretta Crabb, whose work in the school has been harmonious and success fill and whose assistance in church music has been appreciated by everyone, will have charges of the music department again this year.

We believe with this splendid corps of teachers and the cooperation of every patron that we can have a better school than we have ever had. The school will open October 8<sup>th</sup> and run for eight consecutive months. The high school department, however, will open Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and run nine consecutive months by special arrangements made by the Board with Supt. Mitchell who will have charge of the work. We bespeak for our teachers the hearty support and cooperation of the patrons and citizens of Krum Independent District, we are

Respectfully, Board of Trustees Per, S.W. Koiner, Secy

**CLASSIFICATION:** Krum High School is a classified high school of the second Class B. It is our intention to make the school a high school for the second class A this year. The course of study will remain practically the same but the equipment will in all probability be made better.

**THE SCHOOL BUILDING:** The school building is a large two story structure containing six large recitation rooms, an auditorium, a supply room and a library and laboratory room. The building has been recently overhauled and a new modern heating system installed last year. Each room is seated with desks suitable to the size of pupils and are arranged in such a manner as to permit the light to enter so as not to injure the eye-sight of the pupils. The rooms are equipped with good blackboards, which will be reslated, maps, globes and charts that are necessary to do good work.

**THE AUDITORIUM:** The auditorium s located on the second floor in the center of the building. There are two flights of stairs leading into it-one on either side. It is equipped with about three hundred chairs, piano and suitable stage furniture. Electric lights were installed last year. The stage was remodeled again and durable Beaver board was put on the front, wings and background. The front is painted brown and the interior is painted two shades of pink. The interior is also latticed which gives it a very beautiful effect. Foot lights were installed on the stage last year, too.

**THE LABORATORY:** A new laboratory was installed last year. We now have equipment for teaching Physics, Physiography, and some equipment for Agriculture. We hope to be able to get state aid this year and increase the laboratory facilities.

**THE LIBRARY:** The library contains two book cases which are filled with about 150 books that are in fair condition. We hope to be able to purchase more this year and provide other reading material for those that like to read. We see no reason why the town shouldn't be interested in a Public Library and trust that Krum may soon maintain, one, located at the school building.

**THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:** The school grounds contain about two acres of prairie land in the form of a square. On either side in front of the building are basketball and tennis courts. Back of the building lies the ground used for baseball, football and other athletic sports.

**HONOR ROLL & WEEKLY REPORT:** Arrangements have been made with the editor of the local paper for a weekly report and honor roll to be printed. The report will show the number enrolled, per cent of attendance, absentees, tardies and number out all the week for the respective rooms. The honor roll will be a list of the names of pupils who are neither tardy nor absent during the month and whose department is 95 per cent and above. The list will be printed in the issue of the paper following the close of each school month.

**TUITION:** All students who do not reside in Krum Independent School District will be charged tuition as follows:

Primary Department .....\$1.00

Intermediate Department...\$1.50

High School Department...\$2.50

**RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE:** Krum is about the average as a religious community. In the town there are four churches with adequate buildings and there are preaching services at the last two of these every Sunday. There are four very fine Sunday schools well equipped with teachers and well attended by both the young people and the old. Withall there is a wholesome religious atmosphere in the community which can only be helpful to the spiritual life of the students. Each morning a chapel service of some fifteen minutes will be held in which some member of the faculty leads, and all students take part, especially in singing.

**Course Instructions-First Years:**

**Reading-** First half use chart, blackboard and Playmates Primer, Second half Holton-Curry Book One, Hill Reader Book One, Art Literature Book One.

**Spelling:** Spell work from chart, blackboard, conversation, and Primer,etc. Second half New Century Spelling Book pages 1b to 28

**Drawing:** Prang's Drawing Book One

**Writing:** New Outlook Writing Book One

**Numbers:** A comparison of objects to develop the idea of numbers and simple fractions. Reading and writing of numbers from 1 to 100. Idea of measures, weights, U.S. money etc., should be taught. Use First journey in Numberland in hands of teacher only.

**General Lesson:** Physiology and Hygiene, suitable songs, local geography and nature study.

**High School Course of Study-First year:**

**Required: English:** Merkley and Ferguson's Composition Rhetoric, pages 1 to 238, and Classics.

**History:** Myers General History

**Mathematics:** Hopkins and Underwood's Algebra pages 1 to 201.

**Physiology:** Ritchie's Human Physiology. First term

**Physical Geography:** Tarr's New Physical Geography

**Agriculture:** Warren's Elementary Agriculture

**Discipline:**

Ideas of discipline are many and diverse. No two families control or would have their children governed alike. That which pleases one displeases another and disgusts a third; hence we do not expect to please everyone. We shall endeavor to do the right thing, guided by our experiences and by our knowledge of affairs in hand.

We earnestly trust that we shall have the hearty support and cooperation of the parents in enforcing these regulations and ask that each one does all in his power for the cause of education and the upbuilding of the Krum Public School.

We are Respectfully,

W.L. Mitchell, Superintendent

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