

# History of Terra Alta East Preston School

## About Us

- School name - **Terra Alta/East Preston School**
- County school district - **Preston County Schools**
- Total enrollment - **292**
- Grade levels – **PK – 8**
- Percent free or reduced-price meals - **100%**
- Percent minority enrollment **1%**
- Website: <https://www.prestoncountyschools.com/o/taep>



Terra Alta/East Preston School is located in Terra Alta, West Virginia, a former coal-mining town. In 1925, Terra Alta High School opened at its current location. There were approximately 100 students and 8 teachers. In the spring of 1926, the first graduating class was comprised of 16 members. Many years later, in 1977, Terra Alta High School consolidated with Aurora High School and was renamed East Preston Senior High School. Enrollment included 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades from both schools and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the Terra Alta area. Prior to consolidation, the old gymnasium was razed. A new structure was built adjacent to the north side of the school. It contains the current gymnasium, cafeteria, commons area, kitchen complex, band room, and industrial arts room. In 1985, the outdoor recreational facilities were renovated and dedicated as the W.R. Shaw Memorial Field.

With the consolidation of all Preston County High Schools and the resulting creation of Preston High School in Kingwood, East Preston Senior High School was transformed to Terra Alta/East Preston School that houses grades PK – 8<sup>th</sup>.