

# LINCOLN-JACKSON TIGERS

First year in NMAA: 1954  
 First year in State: Never  
 Closed in 1954

Colors: Orange and Black  
 Located in Clovis  
 Curry County

YEAR	HEAD COACH	CLASS	DIST CLASS	INC SCH	SEASON			DT	RT	ST	NOTES
					W	L	PCT.				
1950	Douglass Clay			*							Clay in 12th year at LJ
1954		B	6	*	2	2	.500	4			
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>					<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>AP</b>	<b>AP</b>		
					2	2	.500	0	0		

## History of the Community and School by Steve Flores

Lincoln-Jackson was established in 1924 for African-Americans. Miss Margorie Ford was the first teacher. In 1925, the school was moved across the street to Bethlehem Baptist Church. In 1926, Ida O. Jackson replaced Miss Ford, and the school had 5 students enrolled. By 1944, the school had three teachers and over 50 students. Enrollment was at 122 students in 1948, and several teachers were employed. The first graduating class was in 1950. The school kept growing and was at 292 students in 1954. A new brick building with 5 classrooms was built to accommodate their needs. The new school was used for only one year, as the *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling came down from the U.S. Supreme Court led to the closing of segregated schools across the country. Lincoln-Jackson today operates as an elementary school that serves pre-school through sixth grade.

In the late 1930's to the early 1950's, Lincoln-Jackson played a schedule against other black schools. There were only four such schools in New Mexico (in Carlsbad, Clovis, Roswell, and Hobbs.) They were not allowed to play in district tournaments, nor were they allowed to play against "white schools." Accordingly they had to travel to Amarillo, Lubbock, and Borger. It was not until 1954, that Lincoln-Jackson played in its first district tournament. In 1955, the black students in Clovis went to Clovis High School.