



PROPERTY RESTORATION

## Taylor Middle School

Taylor Independent School District - Taylor, TX

Loss Event: Fire and Water Damage



### CASE STUDY



In early December, a two-alarm fire at Taylor Middle School caused significant damage to a classroom that had been used to teach home economics. The fire was largely contained to one room but an adjoining classroom and the hallway suffered minor smoke and water damage.

**TUESDAY** - Fire reported at 6:40 p.m. Electricity and gas utilities shut off. Classes canceled the next day. BELFOR responds and performs initial damage assessment.

**WEDNESDAY** - BELFOR recovery work begins. Power is restored to the building. Classroom contents are inventoried and cleanup begins. Ceiling tiles, sheetrock, and insulation are removed in the room where the fire originated. Air filtration equipment and blowers are placed throughout to remove smoke and to dry wet areas. The hallway and 13 other classrooms are thoroughly cleaned so classes can resume the next day. A temporary wall and door is constructed to prevent students from entering the burnt area.

**THURSDAY** - Classes resume. Students in three classrooms are moved to temporary rooms. BELFOR removes all furniture, shelves, appliances and contents from the burnt room. Duct cleaning begins. BELFOR continues to thoroughly clean contents in other smoke-damaged rooms.

**FRIDAY** - BELFOR has completely gutted the burnt classroom, and duct cleaning continues. The grid in the hallway ceiling is replaced. Ceiling tiles and insulation are replaced in the adjacent classroom and hallway.

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY** - BELFOR cleans three remaining classrooms and removes the temporary wall so students can access those classrooms.

**MONDAY** - School is resumed in all classrooms except the one burnt room.

**BELFOR finished out the classroom where the fire originated and completed the school restoration project with only ONE day of class interruption.**

*"Providing a safe and healthy learning environment is priority number one. BELFOR helped our school recover quickly from the negative aspects of this fire so that we could move forward with the education of our students. We couldn't ask for a better result."*

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