

## Humbug School District

The district was established sometime prior to 1856, exact date is unknown. In 1881 it was consolidated with the Hawkinsville District. It was reestablished in 1941. Then, in 1947, the district merged with the Honolulu District.

Joaquin Miller said of this area, “Out of sight of everything, even the sun.”

One of the many prospecting parties that roamed the area of this mountain region about 1851 found gold on a stream feeding into the Klamath River. Hearing of the find, another party left Yreka to take up claims on the stream. On top of the mountain they were met by a party of men returning from the area who said the claims of gold that had been found were all “humbug”. Nevertheless, the party continued on its way and subsequently proved that the area was indeed rich in gold. The creek and the area were named Humbug.

The school house was located at the mouth of the Humbug Creek, approximately a half mile from the junction of Humbug Creek and the Klamath River. No trace of the building remains.

### Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: No notice of when established (Sometime prior to 1856)

April 23, 1881 – Consolidated with Hawkinsville District (3-591)

Established: April 4, 1989 – Boundaries described (6-188)

February 4, 1911 – Part of Humbug taken to make Mono School District (8-391)

August 4, 1919 – Suspended (12-43)

August 2, 1920 – Lapsed (12-176)

January 6, 1941 – Re-established from territory included in Honolulu School District, boundaries described (18-412)

July 6, 1943 – Suspended (19-208)

October 7, 1946 – Re-established (20-180)

July 21, 1947 – Merged with Honolulu (20-291)



Humbug School class, date unknown. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.