

**SITE** The Old Bedford School    **SITE LOCATION** Bedford, Texas    **VISTA® PRODUCT USED** Crystal Elegance V 58 SR CDF

## Protection

The Old Bedford School in Bedford Texas near Fort Worth is one of the oldest remaining symbols of the Old West, Frontier lifestyle. The citizens of Bedford built it in 1914. The unusual, unanimous support for the

school bonds demonstrated a deep and sincere commitment by the residents to public education. For 54 years the school served the community needs and was then ordered to close because its size no longer allowed it to meet the vastly expanded community needs.

In 1993, after a devastating fire two years before that practically razed the schoolhouse, a decision was made to restore the school to its original pristine state. Authenticity was the driving tenet, as the original bricks, doorframes, window frames, flooring and hand stamped tin ceilings were replicated. No detail was too small to be overlooked. Period style wood flooring, pigmented plaster blackboards, antique desks, original photographs, artwork and clothing were used to carry the imagery to an ultimate conclusion.



The Old Bedford School, which is situated on one of the highest elevations in Bedford, used a substantial amount of glass in its construction. This was great for the views and sunlit classrooms, but put the new sensitive building materials and artifacts at grave risk of sun damage, particularly fading. Ms. Libby Buuck, Managing Director of The Old Bedford School, realized she had to protect the school and acted swiftly by installing a hitech solar protection window film on all the windows on the South, East and West sides of the original schoolhouse. The particular film she chose was Vista Crystal Elegance, a film laminate of polyester and metallized

coatings. The film, which is virtually invisible and in no way interferes with the views, is constructed with an exclusive, clear distortion free adhesive system and a special scratch-free face coating that allows for easy maintenance.



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