

G. L. Aynesworth School

G. L. Aynesworth was a prominent Fresno attorney for 42 years. He was a member of the local Board of Education for two separate terms, totaling eight years and served as Board president for two of those years in 1937-1939. Mr. Aynesworth was a native Texan who early in life moved to California, after teaching school in his native state, starting at the early age of 18.

After moving to Fresno, Aynesworth worked for the 4-C's Commercial College recruiting students. He soon entered Stanford University, graduated and went on to earn a degree in law from the school. While he was at Stanford, he became a good personal friend of the president of the University Dr. David Starr Jordan.

According to Mr. Aynesworth's daughter, there were two causes to which he was passionately committed, public education and Stanford University. He was an active protagonist for both. Being a Board of Education member gave him the vantage point from which to champion his concern for quality education. Aynesworth was active in pioneering the establishment of the California School Boards Association and was also very active in his church and in the American Red Cross.

Mr. Aynesworth was tragically killed in an automobile crash on fog shrouded Highway 152 just outside of Chowchilla on his way to a Stanford football game in November, 1952. He was accompanied on this trip by Mr. M. B. Pharis, a Fresno businessman, who was also killed in this unfortunate accident.

This school was named for Mr. Aynesworth by the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education. The school opened in the 1955-56 school year.

