

Edith and Hazel Ayer School

This school is located on the corner of Butler and Peach and opened in the fall of 1980 to serve pupils in the rapidly growing southeastern part of Fresno Unified School District.

The site is named for two dedicated long-term teachers in the district, Edith and Hazel Ayer. Both are natives of this area and have given their lives to the teaching of the children of this district.

Edith Ayer was educated at Dinuba High School and California State University, Fresno (then known as Fresno Normal School). After a few years of teaching in Fresno County schools, she joined the Fresno Unified School District staff and was assigned to Edison High School. She served continuously there from 1921 to 1956 as teacher, counselor, and Dean of Girls.

Hazel Ayer, like her sister Edith, graduated from Dinuba High School and the Fresno Normal School. After two years of teaching outside the local district, Hazel Ayer devoted 38 years of continuous dedicated service to the children of the Kirk School, an elementary school in the southwestern part of Fresno. Thousands of Fresno citizens recall with gratitude the impact upon their lives of these two effective and completely dedicated teachers of many generations of Fresno pupils. In appreciation of their devoted service and to honor not only them but hundreds of such veteran educators, the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education named this new school site the Edith and Hazel Ayer Elementary School.