

Irwin O. Addicott School

This is one of three similar schools owned and maintained by the Fresno Unified School District. It is operated under a joint contract between the district and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to serve the needs of special education children who are three to twelve years of age. It serves such children from both the Fresno Unified School District and surrounding school districts contiguous to Fresno. It was built in 1972 and is located on land which was formerly a part of the grounds of the Scandinavian School at 4784 East Dayton Avenue.

Dr. Irwin O. Addicott for whom this school is named was a Fresno area educator for many years who served the Fresno Unified School District as Principal, Curriculum Director, Assistant Superintendent and Associate Superintendent. He also later served a lengthy tenure as Professor, Dean and Vice President at California State University, Fresno and was a member of the California State Curriculum Commission for twenty years, nine of these as presiding officer.

A third generation California, Addicott was educated as an undergraduate at the University of California at Berkeley, with graduate study at Pacific School of Religion and a doctoral degree completed at Stanford University. He was engaged in public education for 42 years.