

Edwin M. Eaton School

This school, which serves elementary age children, first appeared in the Fresno Unified School District directory during the school year 1970-71. It is located on the corner of Sierra and Millbrook Avenues at 1451 East Sierra.

Edwin M. Eaton for whom this school is named, was born and raised in Fresno, and was the son of one of the earliest Fresno pioneer merchants. He graduated from Fresno High School and the University of California at Berkeley with a major in Business Administration.

Eaton was a leader at the University of California during his student days. He edited the student newspaper (*The Daily California*) and managed the University Glee Club. He was invited by the U.S. President and the U.S. Secretary of State to represent the United States at the Third Congress of Students of the Americas, in Lima, Peru. Upon graduation, Eaton formed a group which took motion pictures of foreign lands and distributed them to schools. He traveled extensively in connection with this work. He was a pioneer in producing audiovisual education materials.

Upon the death of his father prior to World War I, Eaton returned to Fresno and took over his father's land development enterprise. World War I soon stopped home building so he then went into the tractor business but soon founded and developed the Guarantee Savings and Loan Corporation, a pioneer in this field in Fresno.

Eaton was an active and effective civic leader in Fresno throughout his life. Among many other such activities, he served many years as a member of the Fresno Unified School District Board of Education, and a considerable period of that time as its vice president.