

## Ericson School

This elementary school, located at 4774 East Yale, is one of the schools which became part of the Fresno Unified School District when the Scandinavian District, formerly a separate Fresno County School District was annexed to Fresno Unified. All of the Scandinavian schools were named for Scandinavian people or places before becoming a part of Fresno Unified School District.

Leif Ericson, for whom this site is named, is credited with being the first European to set foot on North American soil. Like his father, Eric the Red, Leif Ericson was exiled from his native land. On a trip from Scandinavia to his then homeland of Iceland, he became "lost" and by chance landed in what now is Labrador.

The school was first listed as a Fresno Unified School District school in the district directory of 1960-61.