

Morris E. Dailey School

The site for this school was purchased in 1920 with funds derived from the 1919 bond issue. The site originally cost \$42,000. It is located at the southwest corner of Shields and Harrison Avenues at 3135 North Harrison. The site was one of three structures--Dailey, Fremont and Franklin School all built under a single contract, using the same plans, with funds provided by a bond issue passed by the voters in 1925. Fresno was growing rapidly about that time.

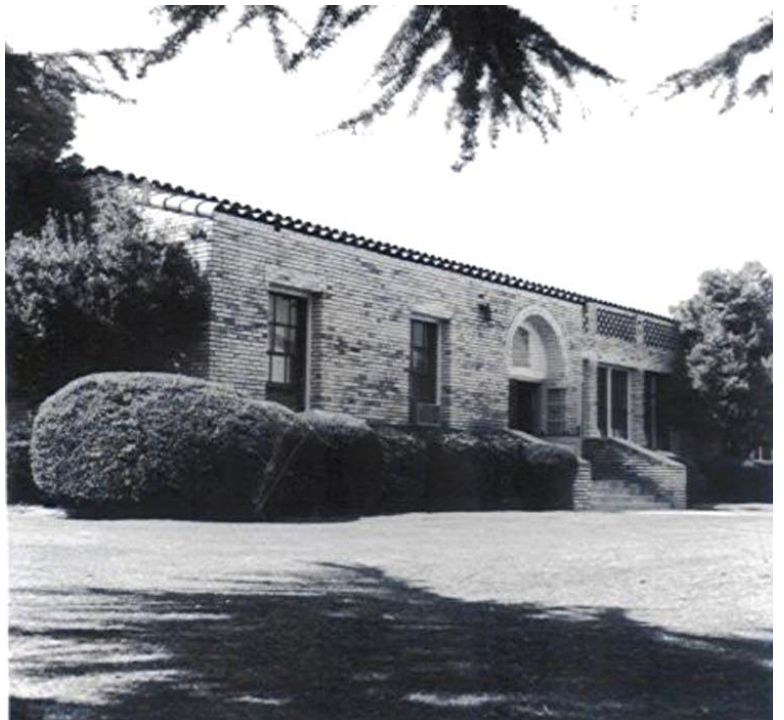
Dailey School was named for Dr. Morris E. Dailey who was superintendent of Fresno City Schools from 1897-99. In 1899, Dailey was appointed vice president and professor of History at San Jose State Normal School, now San Jose State University. The San Jose State Normal School was the first institution established of the new chain of California institutions of higher education. Before becoming superintendent in Fresno, he had for a short time been a teacher of mathematics at San Jose State.

Dailey carried the San Jose College through the difficult times following the 1906 earthquake, the rigors of World War I, and the 1918 flu epidemic. He was a strong leader and highly respected. His undergraduate and graduate degrees were earned at Drake University.

This school was first listed in the school directory of 1923-24, when the school was housed in "temporary" buildings.

Dailey Elementary School is currently operating as a Charter School under Fresno Unified School District.

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