

## Ruth Gibson School

This school is named for Ruth Gibson, a long time teacher and principal in the Fresno County Schools and later at Bullard School in the Fresno Unified School District. Gibson is located at 1266 West Barstow Avenue next to Bullard High School and serves children enrolled in grades K-6. This site was part of the Bullard Unified School District which was annexed to the Fresno City schools in 1958. It was originally known as the North Bullard School and was administered by Miss Gibson as principal, in addition to her work as head of the Bullard Elementary School. She had been a teacher and later principal in most of the 41 years she spent in active public school work. Gibson School is first listed in the Fresno Unified School District directory during the school year 1958-59.

Miss Gibson moved with her family to the Fresno area from the eastern part of the United States in 1920. Before moving to Fresno she spent a short period of time as a student at Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. Upon arrival in this area she enrolled in Fresno State Normal School (now California State University, Fresno), along with other members of her family. Most of them also went into public education.

After a short period of teaching in Strathmore, Miss Gibson joined the faculty of the Bullard School and soon became its principal. She occupied this position with distinction until her retirement in 1963.

Bullard Elementary School was a rural school long before the community was absorbed by the City of Fresno. Under Miss Gibson's leadership, the school was for many years a training school for student teachers at California State University, Fresno. Ms. Gibson died in 1972.