

Holland School

This school site, located at 4676 North Fresno Street is named in honor of W. B. Holland. It currently serves elementary age children, grades K-6.

Mr. Holland who came to Fresno in 1891, was an early day businessman and real estate developer in Fresno and a prominent civic leader. He was involved in the development of the Fig Garden residential district. Holland served as a member of the Fresno Board of Education from 1920 to 1927.

He was a member of the committee from Fresno which obtained state approval for the establishment of the Fresno State Normal School, the predecessor of Fresno State College and served as chairman of the original Fresno State College Foundation.

For many years with a cousin, Holland owned and operated the large grocery firm known as Holland and Holland. They also built what was known as the Holland Building, a multiple story building at Fresno and "L" Streets, opposite the Courthouse Park. At one time, the building housed the Fresno Unified School District administration offices while the original administration building at "N" and Mariposa Streets was being constructed. Holland is credited with being the principal proponent of the south entrance road to Yosemite now known as Highway 41 and was active in promoting good highways throughout the area.