

Jackson School

This school now located at 3733 Kerckhoff, is named for Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States. It is one of the oldest elementary schools in Fresno Unified School District. It is first listed in the district directory during the school year 1910-11. It was then located on Ventura at (then) Jefferson Street. The building located on the original site was of frame construction and contained four classrooms.

Jackson School soon outgrew its original Ventura Avenue quarters and a new site in a newer development was purchased in May 1914. The frame structure on Ventura Avenue was cut in half and moved to the new site that summer and the school re-opened there in the fall of 1914.

Shortly thereafter, starting in 1920-21, a two-story concrete structure gradually was built facing on Platt Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets. This structure was built in segments or parts which were occupied when completed. The older frame structure which had been moved onto the new campus, was still in use when all the wings of the building were completed and occupied. Jackson School was for a time one of the largest elementary schools in the local district.

The 1920-21 structure was, however, declared not structurally sound following the Tehachapi Earthquake in the 1950's and was replaced with the present one story structure. The Platt Avenue building was abandoned and demolished.

In 1998-99 the portable one-story structures were replaced with a new two-story building facing on Platt Avenue and reminiscent of the original structure.

(Photos from Field Act Report of Buildings Constructed Prior to April 1933 (September 1965))



Front entrance of Jackson school



Back of building of Jackson school

