

Powers School

This elementary school, located at 110 East Swift, is named for Lucius Powers, a member of a prominent pioneer Fresno area family.

Mr. Powers was educated in Fresno County and graduated from Fresno High School. His collegiate and professional legal education was completed at the University of California at Berkeley. He returned to Fresno and practiced law locally for many years.

Mr. Powers became active civically and politically and served for a time as an assemblyman from this district. While in the legislature, he fathered legislation which attempted to make the then Fresno State College into a regional institution with a wider scope of services, but the passage the legislation did not take place until later. He was also very much involved in the problems and issues of apportionment.

Upon the death of his father, Lucius Powers Sr., in a tragic automobile accident, Mr. Powers became active in the management of the extensive fruit growing and packing interests of the Powers family in the Fresno area.

Lucius Powers was very active in community and civic activities and was elected to membership on the then Bullard Unified School District Board of Trustees. Before the district was annexed to the Fresno Unified School District, its Board of Trustees named all of the existing schools in the district. The Powers School was among that group of school sites.

The Powers School first appears in The Fresno Unified School District directory during the school year 1958-59.