

Slater Elementary

This school located at 4472 North Emerson, is named for Louis Slater. Mr. Slater was a popular and very public spirited Fresno citizen, who gave unselfishly of both his time and his money to promote the welfare of the community. He was a prominent Fresno businessman and civic leader, whose advice was sought by many because of his wisdom and experience.

Louis Slater was born in Lithuania in 1886 and came to the United States in 1907 as a young man of 21 years of age. After a brief sojourn in the eastern part of the country, Slater settled in Fresno in 1911. He established a furniture business soon after arrival in Fresno and operated it for most of his life. In his later years he also went into the banking business. Slater was very active civically, and spent 20 years as finance chairman of the Fresno County Red Cross. At various times during his career, he was a director of the Fresno State College Foundation, vice president of the Fresno City and County Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the local draft board during World War II to name a few of his activities.

Mr. Slater was also extremely involved throughout his life in religious, fraternal and service clubs.

The school serves children in grades K-6 in the northwestern part of Fresno.