

## Edison High School

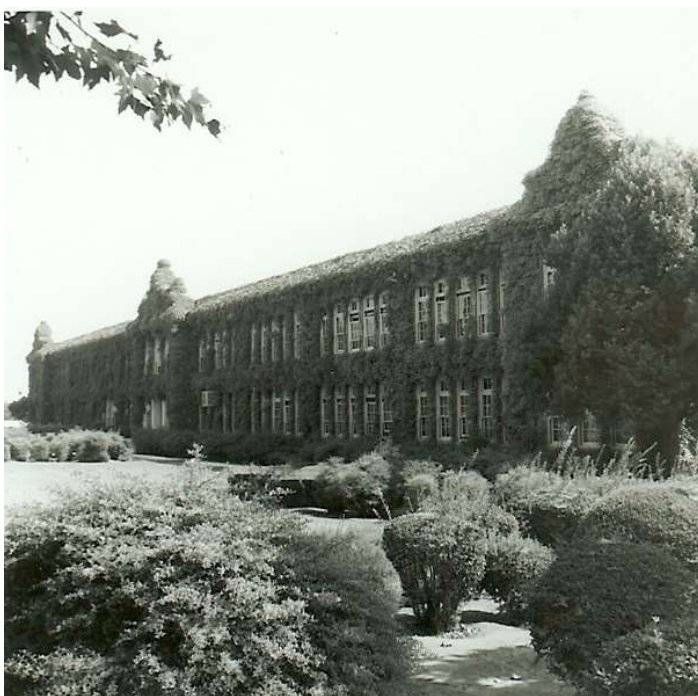
Edison High School presently services students in grades 9 through 12. It was originally organized as a three-year senior high school, with a separate administration and student body for grade 9. The school currently serves students grades 9-12. The present site is located at 540 East California Avenue and was purchased in 1922 during the time Dr. William John Cooper was superintendent. The original structure on this site, a reinforced concrete building was erected in 1926-27 with funds from a bond issue voted in 1925. Additional land for an expanded campus and structure was purchased in 1939.

Edison School was not originally located on the present site nor was it originally a senior high school. Edison School was first listed in the Fresno Unified School District directory in 1915-16 and was located at "B" and Mono Streets as a 7th and 8th grade Intermediate School. A special plant was built to accommodate the school, a two-story brick structure. When the first building on the present Edison campus was constructed and occupied, the former structure was for many years thereafter used as part of the Lincoln Elementary School which then occupied two square blocks just east of the "B" and Mono site. The "B" and Mono site is first listed as Edison Intermediate School in the directory of 1915-16 but by 1923-24 it had been renamed Edison Technical School and was located at Jones and California. The present Edison High School occupies buildings which replaced the 1926-27 structure.

Edison High School is named for Thomas A. Edison, an American inventor. Among just a few of his inventions were the electric light, the phonograph, the motion picture, the stock ticker, the mimeograph and talking motion pictures. Edison had little formal schooling but was self-educated. He said his success was due to "ninety-nine percent hard work, and one percent inspiration."

The decision to name this school after Mr. Edison was made by the Fresno Unified School District, Board of Education between the time the original campus at "B" and Mono Streets was purchased and the time the structure was occupied during 1915-16. Additional land to expand the campus was procured through the City of Fresno in 1998.

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



Back side of Edison campus



Edison gym

