

Dunsmuir School District

The Dunsmuir Elementary School District was formed July 8, 1877. School was first held in a private house at 319 Florence Avenue. The first building, a two-story frame structure, arose in 1891 on the northeast corner of the school grounds on Dunsmuir Avenue. J.S. Osborne, the principal, taught from fifty to sixty pupils in the upper grades. Lou Hellmuth had forty to fifty students in the lower grades. This building became outmoded. A subsequent structure was built on the same site about 1929 and is still standing.

In 1965 a news site north of Dunsmuir was purchased, where the present modern school now stands.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: July 8, 1877 – Description given (4-247)

April 4, 1888 – New boundary description (4-317)

April 6, 1896 – Boundaries changes, description given (5-544)

September 18, 1905 – Tax election (7-198)

September 21, 1908 – Tax election (7-540 & 7-555)

May 24, 1946 – Christmas tree fund (20-107)

June 3, 1946 – Bond election (20-119)

June 20, 1946 – allotment of State School funds (20-132)

January 29, 1957 – Boundary line classification (24-484)



School built in 1887, destroyed by fire in 1921. Reading room and library maintained by the men who worked for the railroad. Date unknown. Photo loaned by the Siskiyou County Public Library.



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Dunsmuir Joint Union High School, June 1936. From a photo album owned by Allison, donated by family friend, Elva E. McBeth Melton.



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