

Etna Union High School

The first high school in Siskiyou County, the Etna Union High School, was established in 1892. Fifteen students were enrolled that year and Mr. Frederick Liddeke was the principal and teacher. School was held in a big room over the Denny bar Store. This building is still standing in Etna.

The first high school building was ready for occupancy in 1893. However, it burned in 1913. A new brick structure was then erected and used until 1958. At that time this building became obsolete and was closed. A new school was constructed on the present site, several blocks north of the old building.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: December 5, 1892

July 8, 1902 – Description of boundaries (7-19)

November 7, 1911 – Greenview petition to be annexed to Etna High School District (9-49)

December 5, 1911 – Greenview made part of Etna High School District (9-62_

July 6, 1939 – Boundary between Siskiyou Union and Etna Union District (18-233)

August 8, 1939 – Motion that assessment of Kidder Creek School District be given to Etna High School District (18-243)

September 6, 1939 – Above order rescinded, Kidder Creek area assessed in the Etna Union High School District (18-243)

June 18, 1946 – Allotment of State School money (20-132)

September 18, 1956 – Greenview School District withdrawn for Siskiyou Union High School District and added to Etna Union District (24-368)

February 11, 1957 – Matter of bonds (25-9_

February 26, 1957 – Matter of bonds (25-12)

Date taken from, “Etna, From Mule Train to Copper”.



Etna High School, ca. 1910. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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