Alvarado Elementary School

History of Alvarado Grammar / Elementary School
From 1878 to 1958

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Alvarado School District

• District organized to fund and manage school
• School Trustees elected by Alvarado residents
• Three Trustees:
  – President
  – Clerk / Secretary
  – Trustee
• District first reported by newspaper in 1874
• Covered area around Alvarado including farms
Alvarado Grammar School

- First Public School started by the 1870's.
- Unclear exactly what buildings and how many were used as a school house
- About three buildings were used before a school house was built
- Three schools built - 1878, 1924, & 1958
Early building used for School

4167 Horner Street (demolished in the 1970's)
1878 Schoolhouse

- First purpose-built School House
- Built near corner of Smith and Fredi Streets
- Two Stories
- 4 classrooms
- Three classes
  - Primary (1\textsuperscript{st} & 2\textsuperscript{nd} grades)
  - Intermediate (3\textsuperscript{rd}, 4\textsuperscript{th}, & 5\textsuperscript{th} grades)
  - Upper (6\textsuperscript{th}, 7\textsuperscript{th}, & 8\textsuperscript{th} grades)
1878 School House
Students from the 1880's
1924 School

- Designed by Henry H. Meyers
- Mission-Revival Style
  - Stucco and Spanish Tile
- Two wings- Six classrooms
- Cost - $60,000.
- Built on the same school property
- Additional classrooms added in 1948
- Old schoolhouse resided in back of property and was eventually torn down
1924 School House
School in 1948
4th Grade - 1929
Students - 1940
Alvarado Traffic Patrol won 1st place in competition held at Hayward High School - 1940
1958 School

- Thirteen classrooms in three wings
- Cafeteria/Auditorium
- Opened September 1958
- Cost $450,000
- Leslie Maffey – Principal & Superintendent
- 1928 school torn down during construction
- Time capsule from 1928 school found
  - included items from the 1878 school
Current Picture of School
The End