Bullard High School

Bullard High School located at 5445 North Palm Avenue, was annexed to the Fresno Unified School District in 1958. It is named for Edwin J. Bullard, a prominent Fresno financier in his day, who inherited from his father a large holding of land north of the city of Fresno. His father Frank Bullard, resided in Yolo County and acquired a vast area of land lying between Fresno on the south, the San Joaquin River on the north, Blackstone Avenue on the east and the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroad on the west. Frank Bullard left this tract to his son Edwin Bullard, who then moved to Fresno and became a prominent citizen of this city and county. He was a member of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors from 1900 to 1910.

This large tract of land lay idle mainly until after World War I. A group of capitalists in 1920, headed by J.C. Forkner promoted the area and planted nearly 12,000 acres of Calimyrma figs. The area was subdivided into plots of two and one half acres and larger, and sold to suburbanites with an arrangement whereby the developers would cultivate and care for the fig crop, while the owners built and cared for their homes. Fig profits were shared. Thus came into existence the area in north Fresno known as Fig Garden. Of course, additional homeowners meant the necessity of creating a school district.

The school serves students in grades 9 through 12 and first appeared in the Fresno Unified School District directory in 1958-59. The first principal was Vernon Walker.