Calwa School

Calwa School is located at 4303 East Jensen Avenue in the community from which the school gets its name. The Fresno County town of Calwa had its name coined from the California Wine Association, which was located in the community during its early days. Calwa is halfway between Malaga and Fresno and during the days of steam power, a division point on the Santa Fe Railroad. Train crews and equipment were changed at this point on the tracks.

In the first decade of the 1900's, Santa Fe Railroad promoted a subdivision of company property there so that employees could live near their work. C.C. Carter was the long-term principal and superintendent of the Calwa School from 1925 to 1946. The area was annexed to the City of Fresno and to Fresno Unified School District in 1947. This merger caused the elementary and secondary districts of the Fresno City Schools to have the same boundaries and thus allowing the unification of the Fresno schools.

Mr. Carter was a great, respected leader in the Calwa community at the time and to a large extent was responsible for seeing to it that the vote on joining with the City of Fresno was favorable, and so automatically bringing the area into the Fresno School District. The Calwa School District was able to bring to Fresno Unified School District a debt free facility.

This school now serves grades K-6 children from the southern part of the Fresno Unified School District.

(Photo of Calwa early 1980’s)