Fort Miller Middle School

This school site is located at 1302 East Dakota Avenue and serves students in grades 7 and 8. It first appeared in the Fresno Unified School District directory during the school year 1953-54.

The site is named for Major A.S. Miller, who was the commanding officer in charge of U.S. Armed Forces in this part of California when an army installation was opened in 1851 by Lt. Tredwell Moore to protect the interests of the gold miners and others in the area at the time. Miller was a Mexican War veteran.

Fort Miller was originally located on the banks of the San Joaquin River, now under the present Millerton Lake. Three years later a civilian settlement was located downstream from the fort about a mile. It was named Millerton, taking its name from the fort which protected it. Millerton became the first county seat of Fresno County in 1854 and remained the county seat until 1874.

Fort Miller was a log building, and when it was threatened with inundation, it was dismantled and reconstructed in Roeding Park at Fresno, where it now serves as an historical museum.