Tioga Middle School

This school site serves 7th and 8th grade children. It is located at 3223 East Fairmont, and first listed as an operating middle school in the Fresno Unified School District directory in 1962-63.

The Tioga Pass, for which the school is named, is located in the High Sierra in the back country above Yosemite Valley. A major highway now traverses it (state route 120) from west to east. Snow closes the pass during the winter. It makes a vast area of the high country accessible to the public.

The Tioga Consolidated Mine Company opened a mine in that area in 1878 and built a road to their mine in 1882-83. For some reason the company named the mine "Tioga" for an Iroquois Chief of that name and their access road also. The mine and the road were abandoned in 1884 because of financial problems in the company. In order to keep the road open for the public to use, a group of public-spirited citizens purchased the right of way through public subscriptions and presented it to the United States Government.