Webster Elementary

Webster School is named for Daniel Webster, the famous early day United States Statesman. It is one of the sites in the Fresno Unified School District in longest continuous operation as a school. The original site was purchased in 1914, using funds from a bond issue passed by the voters that year. The first unit was built in a two-year period between 1914 and 1916. An addition was built in 1919-20. The original buildings were replaced with a third structure.

Daniel Webster was a native of New Hampshire and a graduate of Dartmouth College. While practicing law in New Hampshire, Webster was elected to the House of Representatives for two terms. He moved to Boston and practiced law there most successfully and was a powerful orator. In 1828, he was elected to the U.S. Senate and espoused many controversial issues. Webster was Secretary of State under two Presidents, moved from the Federalist to the Whig Party and became one of the party’s candidates for nomination for President in 1836 but was not nominated. In 1957 he was elected to the U. S. Senate Hall of Fame.

The school serves children living in the vicinity of the site in grades K-6. The current building is located at 930 North Augusta. Webster School first appeared in the Fresno Unified School District directory in 1907-08.

Photos from Field Act Report of Buildings Constructed Prior to April 1933 (September 1965)