Yosemite Middle School

This school site is named for the world famous national park which is located close to Fresno in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Yosemite Valley and later the park were named for the tribe of Indians residing in the area at the time U.S. Military explorers discovered the Yosemite Valley in 1851. The valley was officially given that name by Congress in 1864 when they deeded the area to the State of California as a recreational site. A national park was created at Yosemite by act of Congress in 1890 and the name "Yosemite" given to it by the then Secretary of the Interior John W. Noble in 1905. The State of California returned the land of the park to the United States in 1906, and it became a national park at that time.

The school first appears in the Fresno Unified School District directory in 1950-51. It is located at 1292 North Ninth Street.