

Early Federal Way Schools and the Naming of Federal Way

Schools have operated in the Federal Way area since the early 1880s.

The first two schools were called French Lake (this lake is now called Mirror Lake) and Adelaide (located on the beach at Poverty Bay.) These schools were replaced in the late 1800s by five small school districts that in 1929 were consolidated into one, the present Federal Way School District 210. The original districts were Buenna, Steel Lake, Star Lake, Redondo and Harding.



The Buenna School was built in 1887. This building was torn down many years ago. The building was located at 8th Avenue Southwest and Southwest 296th Street.



The second Steel Lake School was built on the east side of 28th Avenue South and 312th Street. It was burned down by the fire department as a training exercise.

The Redondo School was built in 1910. This building was destroyed by fire.

