

## HISTORY OF SCHOOLS IN BURLINGTON, WASHINGTON

The 1992-93 school year has great significance for the Burlington-Edison School District. It marks 100 years of serving children in district facilities in the Burlington area and 50 years since the consolidation of the Burlington and Edison school districts.

The first meeting of the School Board for District #47, Burlington, WA, was held on May 19, 1891. In that first year, Abraham Garl was appointed School Board Chairman, the district borrowed a room from the Burlington Townsite Co. for the 1891-92 school year to serve the 75 "scholars," and they hired Miss Clara Garl as the first teacher at a salary of \$45.00 per month.

Voters then elected to build "a large, beautiful building with six rooms" on Fairhaven Street; it opened on September 26, 1892. It was thought it would be large enough to serve the community well for many years; to everyone's surprise, it was necessary to add two more rooms in 1904 and to construct a high school in 1909.

Country schools were scattered throughout the area. Busing was non-existent, so a school would be built to serve a small geographical area. Records show schools named for locations or donors of the building and land. (See information on the following pages.)

Following the Great Depression, there was a drive to consolidate many of the small rural school districts with those in larger towns. This was a controversial issue and many heated community meetings were held before the matter was voted upon and passed in April 1942 to form the Burlington-Edison School District #100.

**SCHOOLS FORMERLY WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF  
BURLINGTON-EDISON #100 DISTRICT**

(Best information available in 1992-93. \* Indicates entire school district was consolidated with Burlington in 1942; all others only a portion came in at that time.)

<u>School District</u>	<u>Year Built</u>
<b>Alger (First building)</b> Torn down	<b>1891</b>
<b>Alger/Lookout (Second building)</b> Now Silver Run Grange Hall	<b>1924</b>
<b>Allen (First building)</b> Torn down	<b>1899</b>
<b>Allen *</b> (Second building) Torn down; lumber used to build a residence.	<hr/>
<b>Bay View (First building)</b> Torn down	<b>1882</b>
<b>Bay View *</b> (Second building) Building moved to Burlington in 1948, annexed to Roosevelt School and still in use.	<b>1932</b>
<b>Belfast (First building)</b> Torn down. Corner of Bow Hill Road and No. Green Road (Moody land).	<b>1892</b>
<b>Belfast (Second building)</b> Torn down. West side of Old Highway 99 and North Green Road (Moody land).	<b>1928</b>
<b>Belleville (First building)</b> Torn down	<b>1888</b>
<b>Belleville *</b> (Second building) Building moved to Burlington in 1941 and annexed to Roosevelt School; still in use.	<b>1908</b>

<u>School District</u>	<u>Year Built</u>
<b>Blanchard (First building)</b> Torn down. East side of railroad tracks on South Blanchard Rd.; Gay Houser's land.)	<b>1885</b>
<b>Blanchard * (Second building)</b> Torn down in about 1955, gym converted to a home (still in use), Legg Rd. & So. Blanchard Rd.	<b>1906</b>
<b>Bow (First building)</b> Torn down; Bow Street closed to what is now Bow Hill Road.	<b>1892</b>
<b>Bow (Brownsville) * (Second building)</b> On Bow Street where church is now.	_____
<b><u>Burlington</u> *</b>	
<b>Burlington School (First building)</b> 6-room school on north side of Fairhaven Street; housed grade school and high school students. Struck by lightning in 1928 and burned down.	<b>1892</b>
<b>Lincoln School</b> Originally built as Burlington High School (across from the Grade School); when new high school opened in 1924 became grade school. Torn down 1957-58.	<b>1909</b>
<b>Edison Elementary</b> Remodeled from Edison High School building. 577 Main, Edison; serves 250+ students, K-8.	<b>1926</b>
<b>Roosevelt Grade School</b> Built on site of building which burned. Used as an elementary school until 1960's (with annexation in 1941 of Belleville School and 1942 of Bay View School--Belleville addition still in use as district Tech Center and Bay View addition in use for two kindergarten classrooms.) In 1960's Roosevelt became K-3 classrooms/district offices. Remodeled for district offices only in 1986 and still in use.	<b>1929</b>

<u>School District</u>	<u>Year Built</u>
<b>West View Elementary</b>	<b>1952</b>
Still in use; six classrooms added	<b>1962</b>
515 W. Victoria; serves 475+ students, K-8.	
<b>Lucille Umbarger Elementary</b>	<b>1958</b>
Named for former primary teacher in district. Still in use (475+ students, Grades 1-8), 820 S. Skagit.	
<b>Allen Elementary</b>	<b>1967</b>
Still in use, serving 450+ students, Grades K-8. 1517 Cook Road, Allen community.	
<b>Bay View Elementary</b>	<b>1992</b>
1323 Wilson Road, housing 450+ students, K-8.	
<b>Burlington High School (First building)</b>	<b>1909</b>
Across street (south) of original Burlington School. In 1924 renamed Lincoln Grade School.	
<b>Burlington High School (Second building)</b>	<b>1924</b>
Three-story brick building on Pacific Highway (later changed to Garl St. and now Burlington Boulevard.) Name became Burlington-Edison High School 1942	
Added classrooms	<b>1954</b>
Original building torn down in 1974.	
<b>Burlington-Edison High School (Third building)</b>	<b>1974</b>
One-story complex had been built (gym and music wing added earlier). New field house addition & other remodeling took place.	
	<b>1986</b>



<u>School District</u>	<u>Year Built</u>
<b>Conn (First building)</b> In middle of field on Conn family land, attended by Conn family only. Torn down.	<b>1880</b>
<b>Conn (Second building)</b> Building across street from Edison Lutheran Church, still standing. School annexed with Henry/Schlafer/Springdale & Edison.	<b>About 1900</b>
<b>Edison Grade School (First building)</b> Located half-way between Edison & Bow Post Office, Beeler place. Ida Gilkey Conn first teacher.	<b>1876</b>
<b>Edison School (Second building)</b> Across from slough; later abandoned as school.	<b>1892</b>
<b>Edison School (Third building)</b> Two-story building, housed grade school and high school. Shop building added later. When torn down, gym moved & used for storage, burned 1992, and shop building bought by Morrison Lumber; still used for shop and storage.	<b>1894</b>
<b>Edison High School</b> Consolidated with Burlington Schools in 1942 and building continues to be used as a small elementary school. Major remodeling in 1951	<b>1926</b>
<b>Equality Colony</b> Served residents of this early commune. District dissolved in 1914, building torn down. Bell at Skagit Co. Museum in LaConner.	<b>1897</b>
<b>Field *</b> After consolidation, torn down.	<b>1907</b>
<b>Henry (Springdale/Schlafer)</b> Originally in a field; moved to road, school later closed. Still in use--corner tavern, Allen community.	<b>1900</b>

<b>School District</b>	<b>Year Built</b>
<b>Hickson (First building)</b> Torn down.	<b>1910</b>
<b>Hickson (Second building)</b> Moved to Samish School approximately 1943.	<b>1914</b>
<b>Hoogdal</b> Part of district in consolidation; used as grange hall.	<b>1916</b>
<b>McRae (First building)</b> Now in use as Riding & Rodeo Club Meeting Hall, Sedro-Woolley.	<b>1899</b>
<b>McRae (Second building)</b> After consolidation, building converted into a home by the Smallwood Family in 1946.	<b>1907</b>
<b>Mount Baker</b> Torn down	<b>_____</b>
<b>Olympia Marsh (First building)</b> Burned down in 1931.	<b>1892</b>
<b>Olympia Marsh * (Second building)</b> Consolidated with Burlington in 1942. Building purchased by Burlington American Legion for meeting hall; later moved to corner of Fairhaven & Walnut, then purchased in 1984 by the Price Family, moved to Gardner Road, and converted into a home.	<b>1932</b>
<b>Padilla (First building)</b> Torn down.	<b>1880</b>
<b>Padilla * (Second building)</b> School closed; used as a granary until 1940 then torn down.	<b>1902</b>

<b>School District</b>	<b>Year Built</b>
<b>Riverside (First building)</b> Torn down	<b>1890</b>
<b>Riverside (Second building)</b> Now Riverside Grange Hall; still in use.	<b>1929</b>
<b>Samish Island</b> District dissolved in 1920; building torn down.	<b>Late 1800's</b>
<b>Skagit Heights *</b> Converted into a home; still in use.	<b>1916</b>
<b>Sterling (First building)</b> Torn down	<b>1887</b>
<b>Sterling (Second building)</b> Two-room school; closed in 1939. Converted to home then torn down about 1950.	<b>1903</b>

