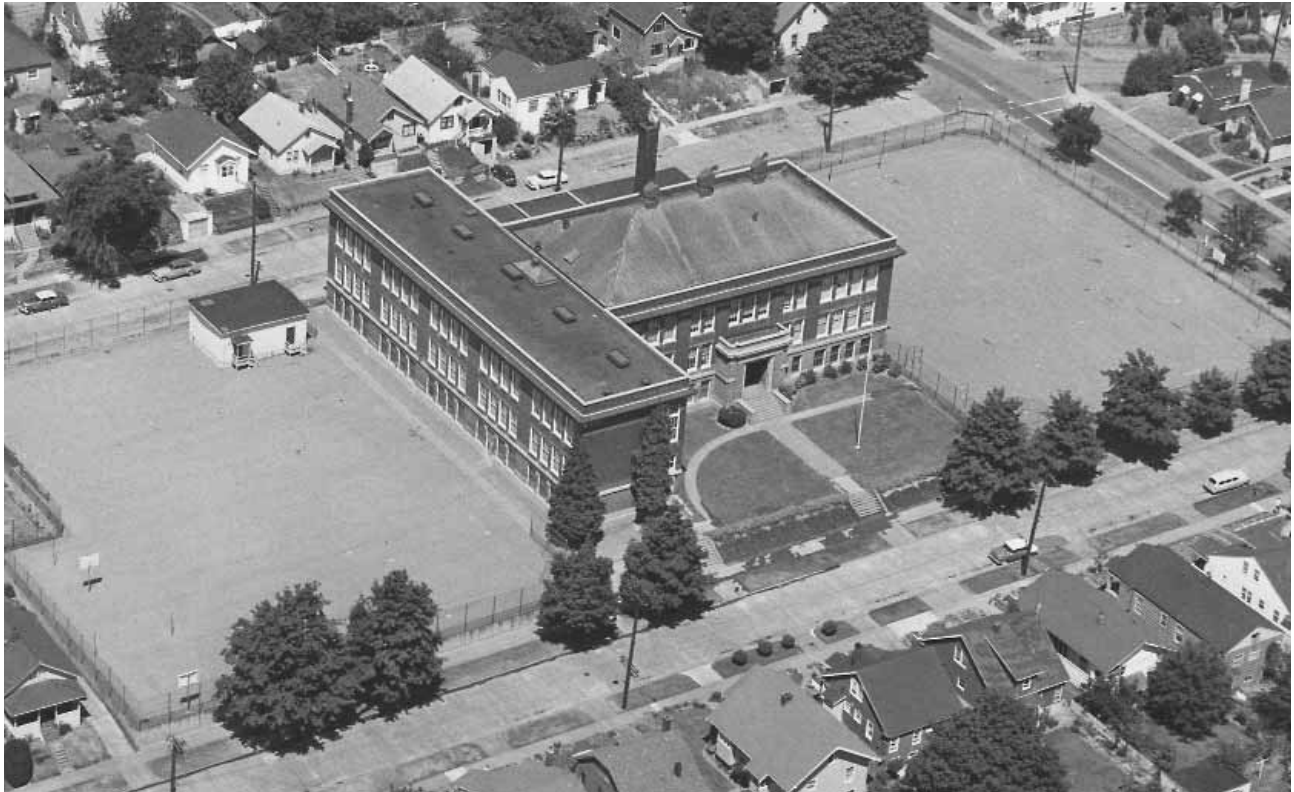


# McDonald

Name: **F. A. McDonald**  
Address: 114 N 54th Street  
Current Use: Interim site



McDonald, 1960 SPSA 247-361

The Seattle School Board had already decided the new school between Green Lake and Latona would be named the Bryant School. However, when the board's president, Judge F. A. McDonald, died in July 1913 while the school was under construction, the members chose to name it after him. McDonald was elected to the board in 1910 and was a member of the committee that selected the site. Four of McDonald's grandchildren would attend the school.

McDonald School opened with three classes midway through the 1914–15 school year. The next fall it expanded to five classes for grades 1–4. Emma D. Larrabee was named principal in 1916 and remained in that position until her death in 1940.

School enrollment expanded and as many as 17 portables were utilized. In 1920–21, when it became a K–8 school, McDonald housed 673 students in 20 classes. In 1923, a new addition opened with 12 classrooms. Peak enrollment was in 1926–27 with 902 students. The following January the 7th and 8th grades moved to Hamilton Intermediate School.

Enrollment dropped to 453 in 1945–46. It rose again to 750 in 1958–59 but fell once more with the construction of Interstate 5 to the east, which eliminated much of McDonald's service area. Enrollment

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Name: **F.A. McDonald School**  
Location: 144 N 54th Street  
Building: 9-room brick  
Architect: Edgar Blair  
Site: 2.16 acres

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1913: Named *Bryant School* on February 20; renamed *F.A. McDonald School* on October 1  
1914: Opened on January 26 as annex to Green Lake  
1916: Became independent school in September  
1922: Site expanded to 2.23 acres  
1923: Addition  
1981: Closed in June  
1981-97: Leased  
1998: Reopened as interim site

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dropped and stabilized for awhile at around 600. Enrollment then dropped again to 363 in 1973-74. McDonald became a K-5 school when 6th graders were moved to Hamilton Middle School. Part of the resulting extra classroom space was used for four classes of neurologically-impaired students.

In its final year as a regular elementary school, 1980-81, McDonald had an enrollment of only 166 in grades K, 3-5. That February it was put on the district's "nonessential" list, meaning that it was available for long-term lease or purchase. The building was leased to the Institute for Intercultural Learning and a school for naturopathic medicine.

McDonald was once again called into service as a school building in fall 1998 when students in the TOPS alternative program moved in while awaiting the renovation of their home at Seward. Stevens students moved into McDonald in fall 1999 during the reconstruction of their school building. Stevens will be reopened in September 2001. McDonald will continue to be used as an interim site for the foreseeable future.



McDonald, ca. 1925 SPSA 247-33