

LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL RECORDS

1955-2002

Collection number: SFH 20



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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance

The Luther Burbank Middle School Records were transferred to the San Francisco Public Library from Luther Burbank Middle School in 2007.

Access

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Size

3.5 cubic feet (in 5 boxes)

Processed by

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Date Completed

October 19, 2007

Languages Represented

Collection materials are in English.

Physical Location

This collection is housed in remote storage and requires a minimum of 2 working days' advance notice for use.

Preferred Citation

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Materials Cataloged Separately

Yearbooks have been transferred to the book collection of the San Francisco Public Library.

Photographs are housed with the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection, and are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 5 pm, and Saturdays, 10 am to 12 noon and 1 to 5 pm. Also, many images are available online at www.sfpl.org.

Related Materials

Researchers are encouraged to see also the San Francisco History Center's card file on Luther Burbank Middle School, and the Historical Photograph Collection, and to check the catalog holdings of the San Francisco Public Library for related materials.

Related Collection

Researchers are directed to the San Francisco Unified School District Records (SFH 3).

Conservation Note

During processing, the entire collection was refoldered and re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Some metal staples remain.

Institutional History

Luther Burbank Junior High School opened in 1955 to serve families residing in the Crocker-Amazon and Visitacion Valley districts of San Francisco. Classes were temporarily held at Samuel Gompers School at 22nd and Bartlett Streets while a new building was under construction. The new structure, designed to serve 1,500 students and called “The City’s Most Beautiful School,” opened in the fall of 1957 and was dedicated on April 30, 1959. Named in honor of the renowned botanist and naturalist, the school was located in a corner of John McLaren Park. After ten years, the school was serving 1,800 students. Burbank became a middle school in 1978. By 1989, the enrollment was at 900 students. Declining enrollment prompted the school district to close the school in the spring of 2006. The La Grande Avenue property currently houses the June Jordan School for Equity, a charter high school, and Excelsior Middle School.

Scope and Content

This collection contains library training materials, a few student publications, a school History Book (scrapbook), PTA History Books, and photographs.

System of Arrangement

Arranged to the container level.

Container List

Box 1

Study Skills Curriculum Guide, [19--]
Student Handbooks, [?] -2002
Student Publications, 1994-2000
PTA History Book, 1971-1973

Box 2

Library Curricula, 1965
Reading Comprehension Materials, 1979-1980
Map Reading Materials, 1970

Box 3

Students of the Week Binder, [19--]
PTA History Book, 1955-1965

Box 4

History Book, 1959-1960

Box 5

Loose Photographs, 1959-1988
Photo Albums, [19--]