

CHRONOLOGY OF WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Superscript numbers differentiate buildings with the same school name

SCHOOLS INHERITED FROM PARENT TOWNS

Centre (former District #5) for all grades, built at Church & Dix Streets in 1843 (demolished)

Mystic^{#1} Primary, on Main Street (demolished)

West Side Primary, used 1794-1852, on Cambridge Street above Pond Street (replaced by Wyman School, demolished)



Left - District 5 school house after being moved and remodeled

Right - old Mystic School



FIRST SCHOOLS BUILT BY TOWN OF WINCHESTER

Primary/Elementary:

Hill Elementary, built 1851-52 on High Street near Ridge Street, (demolished in 1899)

Rumford Elementary, named for Benjamin Thompson (Count Rumford), built in 1851 near Canal Street, succeeded by Noonan (demolished)

Washington Elementary^{#1}, named for George Washington, built 1851-52 on Cross St. near Washington St., (converted into New Hope Baptist Church and currently a residence)

Wyman Elementary^{#1}, named for Deacon Marshall Wyman, built 1851-52 at Cambridge & Wildwood streets, replaced the West Side School, moved to Church Street in 1864 (demolished)

Primary School, built in 1852 at Washington & Myrtle streets (demolished)

Gifford Elementary, built, 1852, located at 1. Centre School, 2. Primary School, 3. relocated 1866 to Main Street (demolished)

Mystic^{#2}, built in 1853 on Bacon Street (converted into a residence)

Adams Elementary, named for John Quincy Adams, built 1857 on Swanton Street, enlarged 1863, Swanton Street, replaced by Chapin School (demolished)



*First Wyman School
The first four schools all looked alike.*

Chapin Elementary, named for Dr. Alonzo Chapin, built 1876 on Swanton St. opposite Cedar, replaced Adams (demolished)

Highland Elementary, used 1878-1943, at Highland Ave. and Eaton Street (demolished)

Wyman Elementary^{#2}, built on Church Street at Oxford Street in 1886 (demolished)

Gifford Elementary^{#2}, built 1890 on Main Street at Washington, used through 1920s (demolished)

Rumford Elementary^{#2}, built 1892 (demolished)

Washington Elementary^{#2}, built 1894, next to old school (demolished)

Prince Elementary, named for Frederick O. Prince, converted former high school at Church/School/Dix streets in 1904 (demolished in the 1920s)



Chapin, Highland, Wyman^{#2} & Gifford^{#2} Schools

Grammar:

Gifford Grammar, named for Stephen M. Gifford, used 1850-1865, located at the Centre School and then shared Gifford elementary building, replaced by Wadleigh

Wadleigh Grammar^{#1}, named for Edwin A. Wadleigh, built at Washington & Mt. Vernon Streets, on former site of Primary School (demolished for new building)

Wadleigh Grammar^{#2}, built 1901 on same site (demolished 1962)

High School:

Winchester High^{#1}, built in 1865 at Church/School/Dix streets, converted to Prince Elementary

Winchester High^{#2}, built 1904 at 161 MVP, addition in 1932, addition in 1956 when converted to junior high



High School, later Prince Elementary

BUILDING PROGRAM 1920s

Noonan Elementary, named for William J. Noonan, built 1924 (converted to senior housing)

Wyman Elementary^{#3}, built 1924 on north side of Church St. (converted to condominiums)

Lincoln Elementary^{#1}, named for Abraham Lincoln, built 1925 between Westley & Oak streets, replaced Chapin (demolished)

Mystic Elementary^{#3}, built 1925 at 263 Main St., addition in 1950, (used by Recreation Department)

Washington Elementary^{#3} built 1927 on Highland Ave. (converted to apartments)



Noonan, Wyman^{#4}, Lincoln, and Washington^{#3} Schools

1930s-1940s

Junior High, built 1931 at 458 Main, later used as high school and McCall Junior High and Middle School

Parkhurst Elementary, named for Lewis Parkhurst, built 1949 at 40 Samoset Road, addition 1955, currently used by Central Office



Parkhurst School

SECONDARY SCHOOL SHUFFLE 1950s-2000

Winchester High, former junior high (458 Main), expanded and converted in 1956

Winchester Jr. High, former high school (161 MVP), expanded and converted in 1956

McCall Jr. High, same building (161 MVP) named for Samuel Walker McCall in 1961

Lynch Junior High, named for Andrew & Robert Lynch, built 1961 at 10 Brantwood Road

McCall Jr High, 1971 moved back into original building (458 Main)

Winchester High^{#4} built 1971 at 80 Skillings Road, rebuilt 2017

McCall Middle School, conversion of junior high (458 Main) in 2000, with added wing



Winchester Junior High

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS 1960s-2010s

Vinson-Owen Elementary^{#1}, named for Maribel Vinson, Laurence & Maribel Owen, built 1961 at 75 Johnson Road (demolished for new building at site)

Muraco Elementary, named for Francis Muraco, built 1967 at 33 Bates Road

Ambrose Elementary^{#1}, named for Howard Ambrose, 25 High Street, built as Marycliff Academy in 1948, converted in 1969 into a public school (demolished for new building on site)

Lincoln Elementary^{#2}, former high school (161 MVP) converted in 1971 to elementary use

Lynch Elementary, former junior high converted in 1980 to elementary use

Ambrose^{#2}, built 2005 on same site

Vinson-Owen Elementary^{#2}, built 2013 on same site



Vinson-Owen^{#1} School



Ambrose^{#1} School