



The History of Columbus Elementary School

Columbus School was the 14th project in the development of Kenosha's public school system.

In 1909, the city council passed the first school bond issue on the construction of the Columbus school building. The vote occurred in response to a petition from residents of Kenosha's third ward. The school opened its doors in the spring of 1910 to 720 students.

The school was named in honor of the explorer Christopher Columbus.

To handle increased enrollment, construction of three portable buildings and expansion of other school facilities began in 1914.

On March 22, 1976, the School Board voted to turn Columbus School into a special education center. It was used as an elementary school until the close of the school year in 1976.

The District's special education staff and some programs continued through the 1984-85 school year, and then the school was closed. Columbus School re-opened its doors as a regular elementary school in the fall of 1988, and continues to serve neighborhood students and their families.

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