



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Horace Mann Junior High



Elementary Schools: Alamo | Bonnie P. Hopper Primary | David Crockett | George Washington Carver | Harlem | Highlands
James Bowie | Lorenzo De Zavala | Mirabeau B. Lamar | San Jacinto | Stephen F. Austin | Ashbel Smith | Victoria Walker | William B. Travis

Junior Schools: Baytown | Cedar Bayou | Gentry | Highlands | Horace Mann

High Schools & Others: Goose Creek Memorial | Impact Early College High School at Lee College | John M. Stuart Career Center
Peter E. Hyland Center | Robert E. Lee | Ross S. Sterling | School Community Guidance Center

310 S. Highway 146



Horace Mann Junior School, built in 1922, was first located at 700 S. Pruett Street. It was formerly Goose Creek High School. The school was named for Horace Mann, an American education reformer.

The first structure was a one-story brick structure of thirteen rooms and an auditorium. In 1927, Robert E. Lee High was built and the high school students moved from the S. Pruett Street schoolhouse to the new high school on Market Street. The former school site then became Horace Mann Junior School. The school was rebuilt in 1995 and relocated to 310 S. Highway 146.

HORACE MANN

Horace Mann (May 4, 1796-August 2, 1859) was an American education reformer. He was a member of the U. S. House of Representatives from 1827 to 1833. He served in the Massachusetts state senate from 1834-1837.

Mann was born on May 4, 1796 in Franklin, Massachusetts. He graduated from Brown University in three years, as the valedictorian in 1819. He studied law and was admitted to Massachusetts bar in 1823.

He was appointed Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education in 1837. His work on this board was to place him in the foremost rank of American educationists. He became the most prominent national spokesman for education. He supported Massachusetts governor Edward Everett's decision to adopt the Prussian education system. The state of New York also adopted the system. The practical use of Mann's ideas was a revolution in the common school system of Massachusetts, which influenced the direction of many other states.

Mann served as the president of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio from 1853 until 1859. There are many elementary and secondary schools in America named for him. Also, the gates to the University of Northern Colorado are named in his honor. He died on August 2, 1859.

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