

Orthopedic Hospital School

Name: **Orthopedic Hospital School**

Location: 2107 Warren Avenue

1913: Opened as annex to
John Hay

1953: Closed

Children's Orthopedic Hospital was founded on Queen Anne Hill in January 1907. In October 1912, the director approached the Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools to request a kindergarten to serve small children at the hospital. Soon the half-time teacher assigned there was promoted to full-time. In early February 1913, the hospital requested that the district take over direction of the program and pay the expenses of the teacher.

The Orthopedic Hospital School opened in fall 1913 under the supervision of the principal of John Hay School.

The curriculum of the Seattle Public Schools was applied as far as possible. Instruction was almost entirely one-on-one, although occasionally the teacher would teach small groups. During the course of the day, the teacher frequently worked on three floors of the hospital in up to three wards on each floor.

In spring 1924, the superintendent personally presented an eighth-grade certificate to the first "graduate" of the school, a girl who had been a patient in the hospital for six years. On May Day 1947, pupils from Hay delivered baskets of flowers to invalid children who couldn't participate in a May pole celebration.