

South Seattle

Details:

Name: **South Seattle School**
Location: Maynard & Orange (4521
Maynard Avenue)
Building: 3-story, 8-room brick
Architect: John Parkinson
Site: 1.76 acres

1892: Opened by School
District No. 99
1905: Annexed into Seattle
School District
1929-32: Operated as annex to Maple
1932: Closed; grounds used by parks
department as playfield
1939: Building given to
parks department and
later demolished
1946: Site leased for 99 years
to parks board
1964-65: Property deeded to
parks department



South Seattle, ca. 1903 MOHAI 83.10.6569

Head of the Bay was a single classroom school that operated from October 1890 to June 1892 at the southeast end of Elliott Bay, today near 6th Avenue S, just north of Andover Street. The site was by the bay before the shallow saltwater was replaced by fill in 1902.

In 1892, Head of the Bay closed and South Seattle School was opened by School District No. 99, just south of the Seattle city limits at S Andover Street. The auditorium of the new school was on the third floor.

South Seattle's enrollment peaked at 300 in 1919-20, the first year that kindergarten was added. As enrollment decreased, all students, except for a single split class of 1st and 2nd graders, were sent to Maple for the 1931-32 school year. The school closed in June 1932.

When the building was demolished under the Works Progress Administration in 1939, the cornerstone and many of the bricks were used to build a comfort station and shelter as part of the South Seattle Playground. The playground and shelter house were demolished in the late 1960s when the South Seattle Industrial Park urban renewal project got underway. Much of the original street grid no longer exists.