

Chowchilla School District

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3 Elementary Schools

1 Middle School

Enrollment 1,941

Situated in the heart of the fertile San Joaquin Valley at the very center of California, Chowchilla is today a farming community, just as it was when it was first developed. Located just south of the Chowchilla River and to the west of the Chowchilla Mountain in the Sierras, the town was named for a local Indian tribe whose name reflected their bravery and war-like nature.

Chowchilla covers four square miles with 480 acres in the city zoned for light and heavy industry. Adjacent to the city limit is another 880 acres that are industrially zoned. Chowchilla has an active partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and the City Government Redevelopment Agency looking towards the revitalization of their downtown business district.

Chowchilla is famous for its statuesque palms, lush date palms, and graceful fan leaf palms that line the main thoroughfare. Chowchilla's developer, Orlando A. Robertson, laid out a twelve mile long street and lined both sides with three types of palms, planted side by side for the entire distance. He then named the street "Robertson Boulevard" after himself. The taller trees have grown to impressive sizes since they were planted in 1914 and can be seen for many miles across the surrounding farmland. Visitors are frequently seen photographing this tree-lined street or requesting post cards of these majestic beauties. The palms are unique even in California because of their great size and number.