

La Grange Elementary School District

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2 Elementary Schools

1 Charter School

Enrollment 142

La Grange is in Stanislaus County, in the Modesto metro area. The community name derives from French for "farm". La Grange is on the Tuolumne River.

La Grange was first known as "French Bar", named by the French miners who came into the area as early as 1852. By 1855, La Grange had become a thriving trade center, with most of the population moving up into the mining area. The county seat was transferred from Empire City to La Grange in 1855, and remained so until 1862, when another contest moved it to Knights Ferry. Only 29 votes was the difference that settled the issue. At it's height, La Grange had 4000-5000 residents, and was served by 3 stage lines. A flour mill was built by a John Talbot & Co., but was washed away in the flood of 1856. A ferry also operated here, 1st by Nathan McFarland, and later by Anthony B. McMillan. It was used from the early 1850's until about 1880, when a bridge was finally built across the river.