A brief history of Residence Park

Residence Park Elementary School was opened as a three-room building in September 1929, on eight acres of land donated by McCain Realty. The school was opened as a sub-district of Jackson School, meaning it educated the overflow of students from that school. In that year, the first parent-teacher association was organized.

A fire in March 1932 burned the building to the ground; classes were then held in two vacant rooms at Jackson. A new four-room, semi-permanent building was ready by the fall of that year; the school then became a sub-district of Westwood School.

Residence Park, which opened serving grades one through four, added the fifth grade in 1934. Sixth grade was added to the already-crowded building in 1940.

Residence Park Primary School was built in 1966 to serve kindergarten through third-grade students. Both schools continued to serve varying configurations of grades over the next 33 years.

In 1999, the school building served as the location for the World of Wonder Accelerated Learning Community School, the district’s first conversion charter school. In 2006, WOW became a district school.