

First known schoolhouse in Allendale was built in 1826 and stood at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Franklin Turnpike.

In 1862 a new schoolhouse was built and the old schoolhouse was moved to John Wilson's farm, where it was used to store grain. The new schoolhouse was built approximately where Allendale's Municipal Building stands today.

In 1896, another new school was built. The old schoolhouse was sold to Henry J. Appert, and moved to his farm. The Ramsey Journal, in its issue of November 13, 1896, said: "Mr. Appert bought the old school building for \$65. He intends to make a store house for onions of it." The new two-story stucco schoolhouse was built on the same site. This building, with the second story removed, and greatly renovated, is Allendale's Municipal Building today.

For several years, during the 1920's the building of a new school was discussed, and the ~~problem of selecting~~ a building site was debated, but it was not until December of 1927 that the Chamber of Commerce called a special meeting of twenty-three civic and social organizations in Allendale to discuss the various sites offered for the proposed school building. In January 1928, Allendale's ~~xxxxxx~~ citizens voted to purchase the Anthony property on Brookside Avenue, and shortly thereafter, construction of the new building was begun. On Friday, September 6, 1929 the public was invited to the dedication exercises for the new school on Brookside Avenue. School opened that year with an enrollment of 225 students, and Mr. Willard Alling was Principal of the school.

In 1941, Mr. Paul D. O'Connor succeeded Mr. Alling as Principal of the school.

In 1951 a north wing was added to Brookside School and there were 308 pupils enrolled and 12 classroom teachers.

In 1957 another addition to Brookside School, including the cafeteria, was added. That same year Mr. Henry Seibel came to Allendale's School System as Supervisor of Curriculum.

In 1960, the east wing was constructed, and the enrollment at Brookside School had reached a total of 905 students. Mr. Joseph Dorer became Allendale's Supervisor of Curriculum that same year.