The San Juan Union High School District was formed in 1913 and named after the original San Juan Spanish Land Grant. The school served all students in the northern half of Sacramento County. Its first class was held in a temporary two-story elementary school building located south of Winding Way and Dewey Drive. A new high school was built in 1915 on Greenback Lane east of Sylvan Road on land donated by Walter Trainor, an early real estate developer. The construction of San Juan High School was financed through a school bond in the amount of \$3,500. There were 50 students when the school opened.

