

OTHER SCHOOLS

Unlike most communities, "Other Schools" played a very significant role in the Japanese community. Newly arrived Issei immigrants severely handicapped by their inability to speak and understand English, turned to English classes. For Issei women, the dressmaking and cooking classes were important steps toward their assimilation into western ways. For many Issei, the mission kindergarten was their first experience with white

teachers and the English language. And most Issei attended Japanese language school because of parental concern that the children should learn to appreciate the old world culture and that Issei might not be accepted as employees in white companies. The language schools generally failed to teach the Issei much about Japanese language or culture, but school associations often developed into lasting friendships.



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