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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

of Point Arena, California

17 July 1990

NATIONAL REGISTER

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1. Name of Property					
Historic Name: Point Arena High School					
Other Name/Site Number:					
2. Location					
Street & Number: 200 Lake Street					
		Not	for Pub	licati	on:
City/Town: Point Arena				Vicini	ty: _
State: CA County: Mendocino	Code:	045	Zip	Code:	95468
. Classification					
Ownership of Property: Public-Local					
Category of Property: Building					
Number of Resources within Property:					
Contributing Noncontributing					
12 buildings					
sites structures					
1 objects 22 Total					
Number of contributing resources previously listed : Register: O	in the	Nati	onal		

Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural and Historic Resources

7. Description
Architectural Classification:
Modern Movement: International Style
Other Description:
Materials: foundation stucco roof <u>asphalt</u> walls concrete other
Describe present and historic physical appearanceX_ See continuation sheet.
8. Statement of Significance
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relatio to other properties: Locally
Applicable National Register Criteria: A
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):
Areas of Significance: Education
And the set of the set
Period(s) of Significance: 1936-1940
Significant Dates : N/A
Significant Person(s):
Cultural Affiliation:
Architect/Builder: Unknown
State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas of significance noted aboveX_ See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References				
X See continuation sheet.	= = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =			
Previous documentation on file (NPS):				
preliminary determination of individual listing requested. previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buidings Survey recorded by Historic American Engineering Recorded	l Register #			
Primary Location of Additional Data:				
<pre>X State historic preservation office Other state agency Federal agency Local government University Other Specify Repository:</pre>				
10. Geographical Data				
Acreage of Property: Less than one acre				
UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Ea	asting Northing			
A 10 439455 4307345 B C D				
See continuation sheet.				
Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation Assessor's Parcel Nos. 27-082-03&04	ion sheet.			
Boundary Justification: See continuation of the boundary includes the lots that have to the property.				
11. Form Prepared By				
Name/Title: Donald S. Napoli and Maryln Bourne L	_ortie			
Organization: State Office of Historic Pres Date: 2/21/90				
Street & Number: P. O. Box 942896Tel	ephone: (916) 445-8006			
City or Town: SacramentoSta	ate CA_ ZIP: 94296-0001			

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This one-story stucco-clad building has a strong horizontal orientation and an assymetrical design. The smaller section to the east of the front entrance has two bands at the cornice and no windows. Atop the entry area is a blocky tower with three horizontal bands and the name of the school. The door is sheltered by a flat-roofed portico. To the west is the main part of the building, which has only one band at the cornice and four groups of multi-pane casement windows.

Another single band connects the tops of the window groups. Banding and windows continue on the west elevation. The school is set back from the street and is approached by a circular driveway. A flagpole in front of the school dates to the period of significance and is a contributing element. Two new temporary buildings are also on the school property and do not contribute to the significance.

Photo Information

Photographers: Don Napoli and Maryln Bourne Lortie
Negative Location: Ca. Office of Historic Preservation
Sacramento

- 1. Date Jan., 1989; View facing northeast.
- 2. Date March 1990; View facing northwest.
- 3. Date March 1990; View facing north.

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The Point Arena High School represents the culmination of the town's dedication to public education. Formal schooling began in the area in 1860, the high school was founded in 1905, and the first high school building was erected in 1907. As the number of students grew in the 1920s, the 1907 building became increasingly crowded. In the 1930s State funds were allocated to school construction as a consequence of the Long Beach earthquake, while federal assistance became available under New Deal programs. As a result of this outside help, the school district was able to construct a new high school building on the north side of town. The design—a subdued rendering of the international style with stucco exterior, horizontal banding, and many banks of "industrial" casement windows—aspired to a monumentality that has since been lost in American school construction. When it opened in 1936, the building was not only the largest civic building in the community but the largest building on any sort. This is a distinction it has retained throughout its 50 years as the center of public education in Point Arena.

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