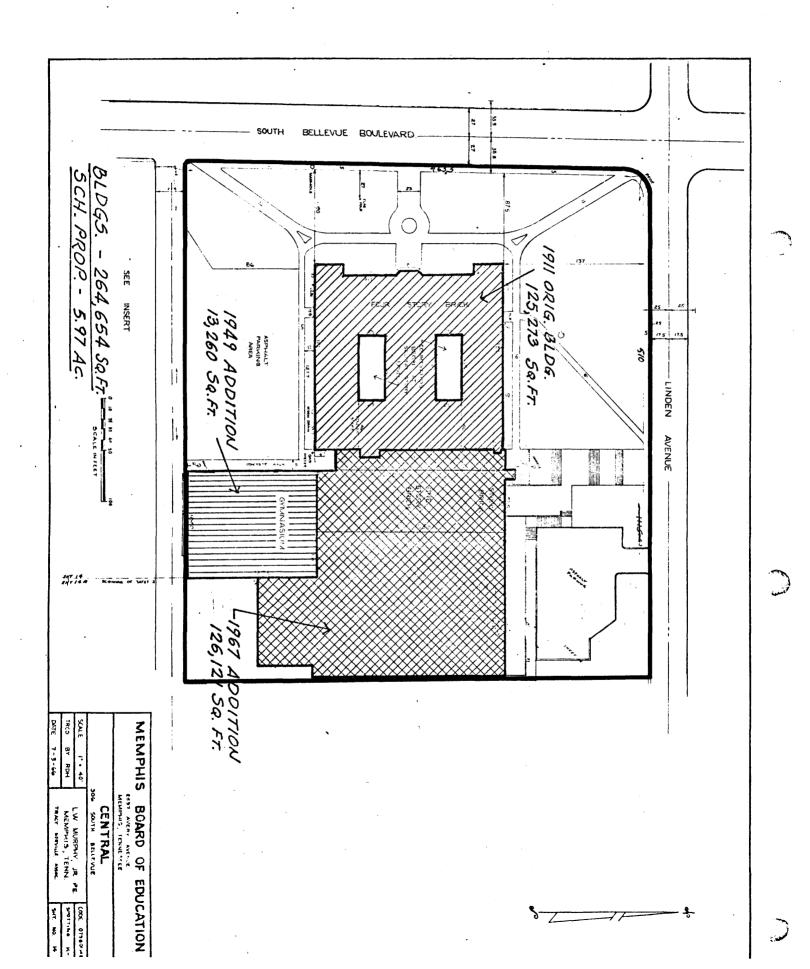
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Public Schools of Memphis 1902-1915 Thematic Resources

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: Central High School   Common name: Same   Address: 306 S. Bellevue   Address: 306 S. Bellevue   Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee   Owner's name: Board of Education   Owner's address: 2597 Avery   Memphis, Tennessee 38112   Classification: Thematic   Tax map reference: See attached site map   Acreage: 5.97 acres   UTM reference: Northwest Memphis Quad   15/771560/3891740 15/771560/3891740	STATUS	Open to public: Yes X No Restricted X   Visible from road: Yes X No   Occupied: Yes X No   Present use: public school   Current condition: good   Alterations: 1948 gymnasium and 1967   classroom additions, see site map   Site features: relatively flat site,   casually landscaped with mature trees,   foundation plantings, and hedge rows   bordering front sidewalks		
HISTORY	Date of construction: 1911 Architect/builder: B. C. Alsup Original or previous owners: N/A Original use: N/A Theme/s: Primary architecture Secondary education Other N/A	SOURCES	Bibliographical data:   See NR nomination   Form prepared by: Lloyd Ostby   Title: Preservation Planner   Organization: Memphis Landmarks   Commission Date: May, 1982		
DESCRIPTION	with corner pavilions on the front (west) facac above the first, second and fourth stories; rus story windows, and a flat roof with a high para corners, a stepped gable with a central cartouc pediment with engaged Doric columns over an arc with two interior courtyards. The interior is	ouche, and a first-story doorway surround of a arched opening. The building is rectangular in plan is relatively simple with glazed brick dados, . Despite a large 1949 gymnasium and a 1967 class-			
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Along with the other eleven nominated public schools in Memphis built between 1902 and 1915 the building reflects the tremendous population growth in Memphis during this period and the great pride and importance the city and nation placed on public education at that time. (Continued on Attached Sheet)



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Central High School - Significance

For many years Central was the only public secondary school in Memphis except for the city's technical school. Academically Central has always been among the best public and private schools in Memphis and has educated a large number of the city's leading citizens over the past seventy-one years.

