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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

historic name New Iberia High School

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 415 Center Street N/A not for publication

city or town New Iberia N/A vicinity

state Louisiana code LA county Iberia code 045 zip code 70560

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Gerri Hobdy 2/11/94  
Signature of certifying official/Title Gerri Hobdy, LA Date

SHPO, Dept of Culture, Recreation and Tourism  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for  
Edson H. Beall  
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

3/17/94

Entered in the  
National Register

New Iberia High School  
Name of Property

Iberia Parish, LA  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/school

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/not in use

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Classical Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls brick

roof other: tar and gravel

other concrete

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The New Iberia High School stands a few blocks from downtown New Iberia on one of the community's busiest thoroughfares. The Neo-Classical style, masonry structure consists of a three-story core constructed in 1926 and flanking two-story wings added in 1939. The building has experienced very little change since its expansion and easily retains the integrity required for National Register listing.

Although the overall appearance of the school's 1926 core is that of a rectangular mass, the three-story facade is divided into projecting and receding planes. The majority of the structure's classical decoration is found on the central projection, which is articulated as an entrance pavilion. This ornament, much of which is made of cast concrete, includes:

- 1) engaged, colossal columns in antis surmounted by composite order capitals. The colossal pillars which form the outer members of the in antis motif are crowned by capitals featuring elongated acanthus leaves.
- 2) an entablature consisting of a smooth cast concrete architrave, a brick frieze featuring round and square plaques with bas relief leaf motifs, and a cornice with separate bands of dentils and modillions.
- 3) a shaped brick parapet with cast concrete coping surmounting the entablature. This parapet features a cast concrete open book and lozenge shaped plaques on its face.
- 4) a plaque exhibiting the words "High School" between the windows of the second and third stories.
- 5) an arched door surround ornamented with various designs. In addition to the surround itself, the areas around and within the arch are also highly ornamented. For example, a bellflower motif surmounted by a child's head is found within the arch's keystone, bas relief ribbons and wreaths which encircle escutcheons decorate the spandrels, and an ornamental fan form is located within the arch itself.

Classical features found on the rest of the 1926 building include the continuation of the entablature and parapet, both of which encircle the building and are restrained, virtually

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unornamented extensions of those found on the central pavilion. In addition, the building has a brick belt course and a cast concrete watertable. Other elements of interest on the original building include geometric shaped plaques at the crowns of the pilasters, bands of large windows, and prominent lintels at the first and second level. The two-story wings of 1939 replicate this restrained styling, except that their pilasters lack the geometric ornament found on the originals.

The school's floorplan is typical of the period and consists of classrooms lining each side of long central hallways on each floor. The only exception to this is an auditorium which projects well beyond the classrooms on the rear elevation at the center of the building. Its main entrance is on the second floor and its balcony is accessible from the third. The auditorium is the interior's only ornamented space. Its proscenium is distinguished by paneled pilasters supporting a paneled arch with an escutcheon suggesting the presence of a keystone. The room also has a cornice and a chair rail. The first floor room below the auditorium was the original gym.

Except for the closing of certain windows and the replacement of some fire escapes, the exterior of the school has experienced no change other than that associated with deterioration. Deterioration and the loss of some non-decorative materials due to asbestos abatement also characterize the interior. Changes not related to these causes include the raising of the gym floor when the space was converted into a study hall and the loss of the auditorium's seats.

The few above mentioned alterations are minor in nature and have no effect upon the building's National Register eligibility. As a landmark among the city's early twentieth century buildings, the New Iberia High School is a strong candidate for National Register listing.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

architecture

Period of Significance

1926, 1939

Significant Dates

1926, 1939

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

William T. Nolan

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

New Iberia High School  
Name of Property

Iberia Parish, LA  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 3.01 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification** Boundaries follow property lines.

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title National Register staff

organization Division of Historic Preservation date January 1994

street & number P. O. Box 44247 telephone (504) 342-8160

city or town Baton Rouge state Louisiana zip code 70804

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Historic Restoration, Inc.

street & number 400 Lafayette St., Suite 110 telephone (504) 566-0204

city or town New Orleans state Louisiana zip code 70130

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The New Iberia High School is locally significant in the area of architecture because it is a landmark among the city's early twentieth century buildings. It is also the only example of the Neo-Classical style within Iberia Parish.

Although New Iberia contains a wealth of architecturally significant buildings in the nineteenth century French Creole, Greek Revival, Romanesque, Queen Anne, and Eastlake styles, its early twentieth century architectural patrimony is fairly undistinguished. With the exception of the high school, an Italian Renaissance church, a Georgian Revival post office, and an Art Deco theatre, New Iberia's remaining early twentieth century non-residential structures can be characterized as square, two-story buildings, often of party wall construction, and exhibiting little decoration. Although the community has a few noteworthy Colonial Revival homes, its collection of twentieth century residences consists mostly of holdover Queen Anne cottages and plain bungalows. Against this background, the Neo-Classical styled New Iberia High School is a notable visual landmark.

A review of the approximately 876 buildings listed in the Historic Structures Survey for Iberia Parish also indicates that the school is the parish's only example of the Neo-Classical style. Furthermore, the building's detailing is particularly fine, as can be seen in its highly ornamented entrance pavilion featuring an arched door surround decorated by bas relief sculpture, colossal columns in antis, and a full entablature crowned by a shaped parapet.

Historical Note

The building served as New Iberia's high school until 1964, when a new facility opened. It was then used as a middle school until 1990.

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Historic Standing Structures Survey for Iberia Parish, LA.

Site visit by National Register staff.



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**Legal Property Description:**

Beginning at the easternmost corner of the right-of-ways of Center and Hacker Streets, thence along the eastern right-of-way of Center Street 184.29' in a northeasterly direction to the Point of Beginning of this parcel which is marked by a 1/2" iron pipe,

thence N 50 degrees 09' 04" E - 443.77' to a 1/2" iron pipe;  
thence N 51 degrees 11' 30" E - 16.96' to a 1/2" iron pipe;  
thence S 39 degrees 01' 56" E - 236.36' to a 1/2" iron pipe;  
thence S 49 degrees 57' 07" W - 7.29' to a point,  
thence along a curve having a chord of S 34 degrees 44' 47" W - 97.31',  
a radius of 185.50' and a delta angle of 30 degrees 24' 39" to a point;  
thence S 19 degrees 32' 28" W - 51.04' to a point;  
thence along a curve having a chord of S 34 degrees 51' 08" W - 47.27',  
a radius of 89.50' and a delta angle of 30 degrees 37' 21" to a point;  
thence S 50 degrees 09' 48" W - 104.68' to a point;  
thence S 50 degrees 16' 24" W - 164.18' to a point;  
thence N 39 degrees 26' 36" W - 300.62' to the Point of Beginning;

comprising 3.01 acres as shown on a plat of survey prepared by Simon J. Freyou and Associates, Inc., dated December 10, 1993.