


# ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

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<b>PROPERTY NAME</b> Fourth Avenue Junior High School		Yu104
<b>LOCATION</b> 450 South Fourth Avenue		<b>CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH</b> 
<b>CITY/TOWN/VICINITY:</b> Yuma	<b>COUNTY</b> Yuma	
<b>OWNER</b> City of Yuma		
<b>OWNER'S ADDRESS</b> 181 W. First Street Yuma, AZ 85364		
<b>FORM COMPLETED BY</b> Yuma County Historical Society		
<b>ADDRESS</b> 240 Madison Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364		
<b>PHOTO BY</b> P. Callahan	<b>DATE</b> 4/78	
<b>VIEW</b> Front facade from east		
<b>PRESENT USE</b> Public School	<b>ACREAGE</b> 4.2	
<b>STYLE OR CULTURAL PERIOD</b> Neo-Classical Revival		
<b>SIGNIFICANT DATES</b> Constructed 1920		

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**  
The Fourth Avenue Grammar School is a three story brick structure with Classical ornamentation. The plan is roughly rectangular and measures approximately 215 wide by 85 feet deep. It is symmetrical about the transverse axis. The main facade features a projecting frontispiece flanked by long wings on either side. Six two story columns of the Ionic Order adorn the portico. They support an entablature which continues around the entire structure. The main entry is on the second story and is reached by a broad stairway. Windows are generally grouped into large rectangular openings. The site is heavily landscaped.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
Built in 1920 at a cost of \$250,000 the Fourth Avenue School is one of the largest and best preserved Neo-Classical Revival buildings in Yuma. Since its completion the school has functioned continuously as an educational facility for the upper primary and junior high school grades in the community. It is, consequently, a local landmark of some importance. The building was designed by architects Norman F. Marsh and V.O. Wallingford. It currently contains classrooms, facilities for physical education and manual arts, science laboratories and storage rooms. The building is sound and continues to be an asset to the community.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**  
Block 119; Lots 7-12; Yuma Townsite