

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 02001247

Date Listed: October 24, 2002

Property Name: Indianola High School

County: Warren

State: Iowa

Public Schools for Iowa: Growth and Change
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


for Signature of the Keeper

October 24, 2002
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8. Statement of Significance

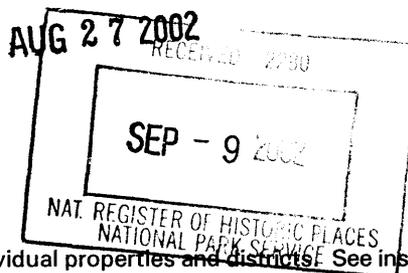
"1997" is hereby deleted as a significant date because it is not within the period of significance.

The Iowa State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file**
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

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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 in How 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 any 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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Indianola High School

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 301 N. Buxton

not for publication N/A

city or town Indianola

vicinity N/A

state Iowa code IA county Warren

code 181 zip code 50125

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally.

(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Rowell J. Lorke
Signature of certifying official

August 28, 2002
Date

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this 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):

Daniel J. Vivian 10/24/02

for _____
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing (enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing):

Public Schools for Iowa: Growth and Change, 1848-1966

Name of Property or District
County, State

Indianola High School
Warren County, Iowa

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Cat: EDUCATION Sub: School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Cat: GOVERNMENT Sub: Government office

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions):

Cat: LATE 19th AND 20th CENTURY REVIVALS Sub: Late Gothic Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions):

foundation CONCRETE

roof ASPHALT

walls BRICK

other

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

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.
- 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.

Name of Property or District
County, State

Indianola High School
Warren County, Iowa

Criteria Considerations

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

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B removed from its original location
- C a birthplace or a 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):

EDUCATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1925-1952

Significant Dates

1925

1997

Significant Person (complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Grahn & Rathurst, Minneapolis

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- 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

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 2 Acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>15</u>	<u>452953.833</u>	<u>4578979.320</u>	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See continuation sheet.

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

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

Name of Property or District
County, State

Indianola High School
Warren County, Iowa

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Camilla Deiber, Architectural Historianorganization The Louis Berger Group, Inc. date 7/10/02street & number 950 50th Street telephone 319-373-3043city or town Marion state Iowa zip code 52302

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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name Warren County Board of Supervisorsstreet & number 301 N. Buxton telephone 515-961-1001city or town Indianola state IA zip code 50125

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CONTINUATION SHEET

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name of property: Indianola High School
county, state: Warren County, Iowa

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Indianola High School, built in 1925, is a two-story, brick-clad building. The exterior of the structure has a high degree of integrity despite the replacement of original windows. The interior has a U-shaped hallway with a gymnasium/auditorium on the inside and classrooms on the outer perimeter of the building.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Indianola High School is located at 301 N. Buxton in Indianola, Iowa. The school building, which now serves as administrative offices for Warren County, is situated in the center of the block with parking lots to the west and open lawn to the east.

The high school, designed by Minneapolis firm of Grahn & Rathurst, is thirteen bays wide by nine bays deep. The thirteen bays of the main (east) façade are divided into a central entrance bay, ten fenestrated bays, and two outer bays of solid brick. The centrally-located entrance bay is faced with limestone. It has a segmental arch doorway and a band of five multi-pane windows set at the second floor level between two buttress-like piers decorated with blind tracery. "Indianola High School" is inscribed into a limestone panel above the window band. The stepped parapet of the bay is further decorated with blind tracery panels, shields and quatrefoils. Five window bays, located on either side of the entrance, are separated by brick pilasters. They alternate in width between a single window bay and a three window bay. On the two windowless outer bays are long limestone panels featuring blind tracery like that on the main façade. The north and south facades are composed of an off-center entrance bay and eight fenestrated bays separated by brick pilasters. The secondary entrance bays have a segmental arch entry, simple stepped parapet, and paired windows. A limestone water table, and limestone cornice tie all of the bays together. The rear (west) façade of the school contains the gymnasium block with three limestone beltcourses and simple brick pilasters.

Building renovation conducted by the county between 1997 and 1999 included replacing original windows with vinyl sash with similar multi-pane patterns, the enclosure of interior light wells and the addition of a one-story brick loading dock on the west facade of the gymnasium.

INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT

The school has a U-shaped hallway with an auditorium/gymnasium located in the center. Classrooms are located on the outside walls of the structure. The county took possession of the school building in 1996 to provide a central location for Warren County administrative offices. The building was remodeled between 1997 and 1999 to accommodate its new use leaving most of the original interior gutted except the combined auditorium/gymnasium—the upper story of the auditorium was enclosed to provide additional office space. However, the gymnasium, which served as the floor of a stage, and the orchestra pit are still intact.

The school continues to be in use as the Warren County Administrative Offices. Currently, there are no future plans for further renovation or additions.

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county, state: Warren County, Iowa

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Indianola High School is locally significant under Criterion A as it is associated with the development of independent schools in Indianola, Iowa and is locally significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of the Late Gothic Revival style designed by the Minneapolis firm of Grahm and Rathurst. Evaluation of the Indianola High School for National Register eligibility is based upon criteria outlined in the Multiple Property Documentation Form *Public Schools for Iowa: Growth and Change, 1848-1966* (Beedle and Deiber 2002) under the property type "Independent School." The Indianola High School is typical of an independent high school in a small town—a high style building located in a prominent part of town with auditorium facilities that are used by the community. The school has a high degree of integrity and retains its integrity of location, feeling, setting, and association. The Indianola High School meets all the requirements of an independent school including that it was built to house grades K-12.

RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT

In 1903, a \$15,000 bond issue was passed to construct the first high school in Indianola, which was a two-story brick structure that was designed by Des Moines architects Proudfoot and Bird. Increased enrolment at the high school prompted the construction of an annex in 1917.

In 1924 the Irving School, built in 1876 for grades 1-8, was condemned by the city council. As the high school was too small for its enrolment, the Independent School District of Indianola decided to construct a new school to accommodate both the lower and upper grades. In that same year, a bond issue passed in Indianola for the construction of a new school building. The firm of Grahm & Rathurst of Minneapolis was awarded the general contract to construct the \$180,000 building. The new building was erected to house nine grades—grades 1-6 on the first floor and grades 10-12 on the second floor. The junior high grades were housed in the 1904 high school, which was torn down in 1982 for a new public library.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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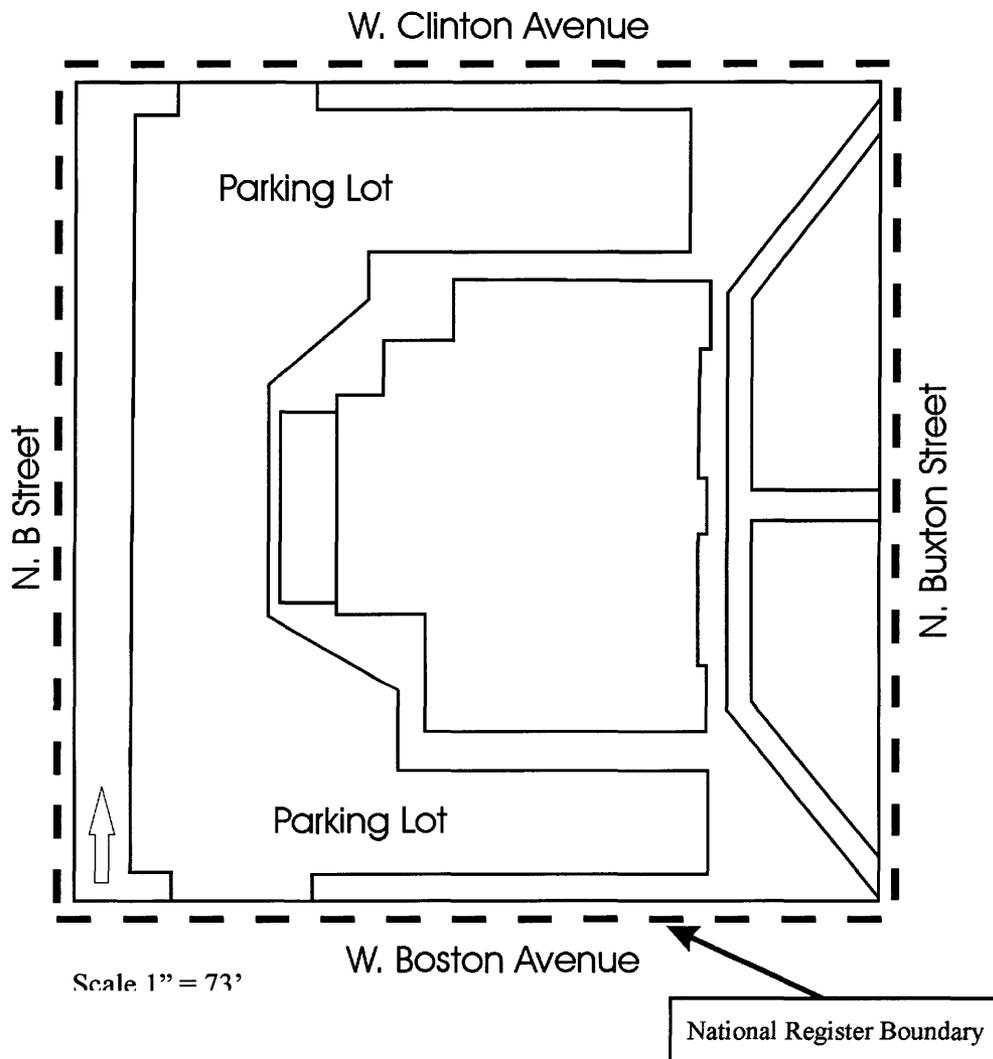
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county, state: Warren County, Iowa

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary for Indianola High School is depicted on the following figure.



Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the school.

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county, state: Warren County, Iowa

The following items apply to all photographs:

Property Name: Indianola High School

Location: Indianola, Warren County, Iowa

Photographer: Camilla R. Deiber

Date of Photographs: 2001

Location of Negatives: The State Historical Society of Iowa, Community Programs Bureau, Des Moines.

Individual Photograph Identifications:

1. Overall view, looking southwest
2. Overall view, looking northeast
3. View of main entrance, looking west
4. View of first floor hallway, looking south
5. View of auditorium/gymnasium, looking northwest

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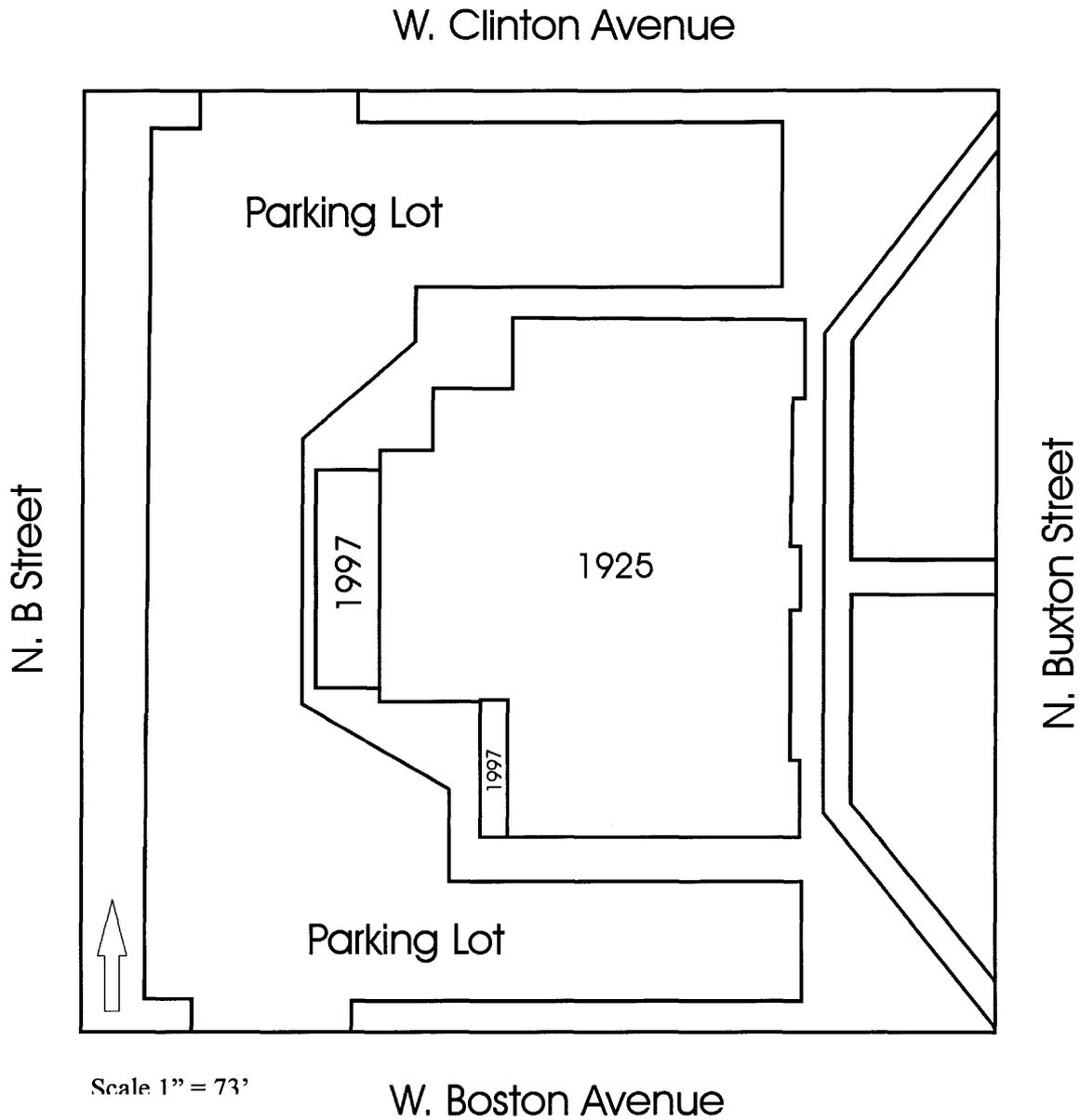
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Site Plan Showing Additions

