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## ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

(Include expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings, and alterations)

### Summary

Ockley Green Elementary School is situated in the Arbor Lodge neighborhood of north Portland at 6031 N Montana Street. Aligned on a north south axis, the two story school building is situated at the east side of the 5.54-acre campus. In addition to the main school building (178A), the campus has two portables (178P1 & 178P2) located at its northwest corner and an attached gymnasium annex (178B) at the northeast corner of the campus. The reinforced concrete structure, faced with a variegated brick, rests on a poured concrete foundation. A flat roof with a parapet covers the rectangular building. Designed in the Collegiate Gothic style, cast stone architectural details highlight the windows doors and other significant elements of the exterior elevations. Variations in the brickwork below the parapet provide additional visual relief in the long elevations. Fenestration consists of a mixture of grouped metal frame and multi light wood frame windows.

### Architectural Description

Ockley Green Elementary School is situated in the Arbor Lodge neighborhood of north Portland at 6031 N Montana Street. Development in the surrounding neighborhood consists primarily of single family residences built primarily between 1925- 1950 (Sanborn Maps 1924-1928, 1908-1950). Aligned on a north to south axis, the two story school building is situated at the east side of the 5.54-acre campus. In addition to the main school building (178A), the campus has two portables (178P1 & 178P2) located at its northwest corner and an attached gymnasium annex (178B) at the northeast corner of the campus. Play fields are located at the west side of the campus.

The reinforced concrete structure, faced with a variegated brick, rests on a poured concrete foundation. A flat roof with a parapet covers the rectangular building. Fenestration consists of a mixture of grouped metal frame and multi-light wood windows. The primary elevation features a projecting central bay that divides the building bilaterally. Smaller bays that project from the north and sides of the building enhance the symmetry.

Designed in the Collegiate Gothic style, cast stone is utilized as architectural ornament throughout the exterior elevations. In addition to the cast stone that surrounds the window and door openings on all of the elevations, the central bay features three arched openings capped by cast stone Tudor arches. The openings feature nine and six light wood frame windows. A pair of egress doors that flank the arched window openings also feature cast stone Tudor arches. The building is capped by a band of brickwork laid in an English cross bond that forms a diaper pattern. This band is outlined by the cast stone that covers the parapet and a second story cast stone belt course.

A double loaded corridor provides circulation throughout the building. Doors at the terminus of each corridor provide additional egress. The symmetry of the building is enhanced by the bays that project east and west from the central portion of the building. The auditorium projects to the east. A media center and office spaces occupy the area on the west side that originally housed the gymnasium. Although the floor was re-graded and the original seats were removed, the auditorium retains its stage, balcony, and boxed beam ceiling. Flooring in the building consists of 12" x 12" floor tiles, concrete, carpet, and hardwood. Fluorescent light fixtures provide illumination throughout the school. The building retains much of the original wood including window surrounds, moldings, and handrails in the corridors. Although the primary corridor ceiling height and plan are intact, there have been partition walls and infill columns placed in the corridors to define the entry to particular rooms and create additional storage.

An enclosed walkway connects the main school to a gymnasium and industrial arts annex located at the north side of the campus. Brown concrete block, incised vertically, serves as the primary structure and exterior cladding. There are minimal windows, doors, or other openings on this annex.

The majority of the classrooms are rectangular. The rooms at the corners are rectangular. Projecting window bays provide additional classroom space on the ground floor and a balcony for the 2nd floor classrooms. Built-in cabinetry lines the interior walls. Metal univents provide heat for the classroom spaces.

### Alterations

There have been significant alterations to the 1925 Ockley Green Middle School. In 1953 a cafeteria was added to the west side of the south end of the building. In 1981 the gymnasium and industrial arts wing was added at the north end of the property. The severe massing and brown concrete block exterior is incompatible with the rich brick work and symmetrical massing of the original building. In 1983 the majority of the windows on the building were replaced.

Significant alterations to the interior have also occurred. In 1953 the acoustic ceiling (gypsum) and the lighting fixtures were installed. In 1972 the 2nd floor classrooms were replaced.

## HISTORY

(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period [preferably to the present])



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integrity commensurate with other Portland Elementary Schools constructed of similar styles during the same period and is therefore not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. While the Collegiate Gothic style is discer

## RESEARCH INFORMATION

(Check all of the basic sources consulted and cite specific important sources)

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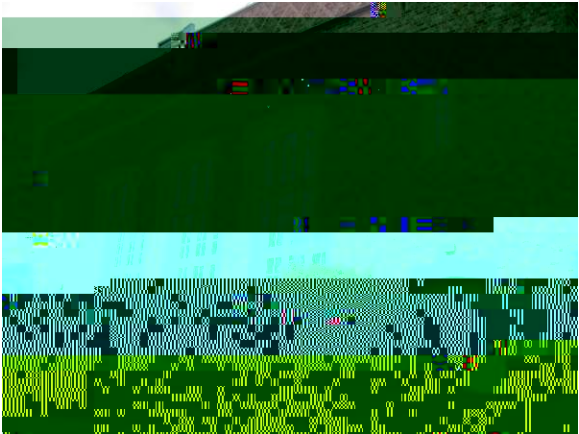
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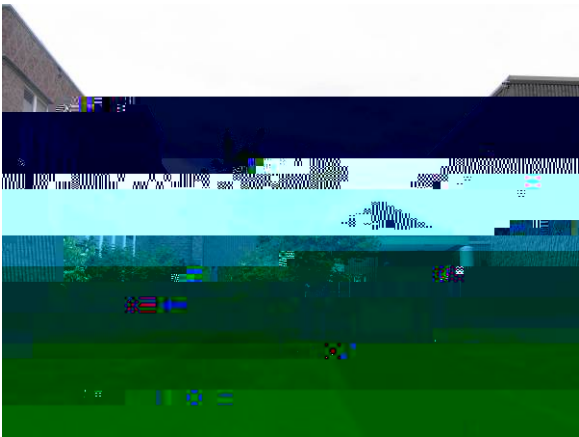
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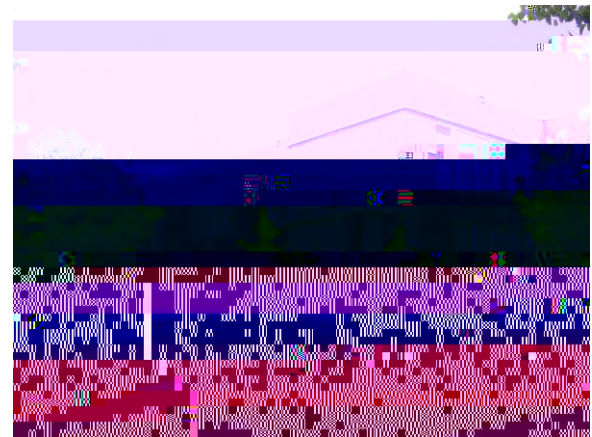


East elevation

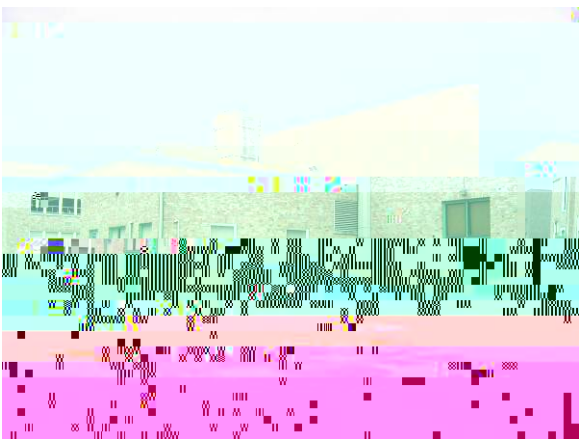
North and west elevation facing south



East elevation connection between main building and gymnasium



South elevation facing northwest



West elevation

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Exterior Photos  
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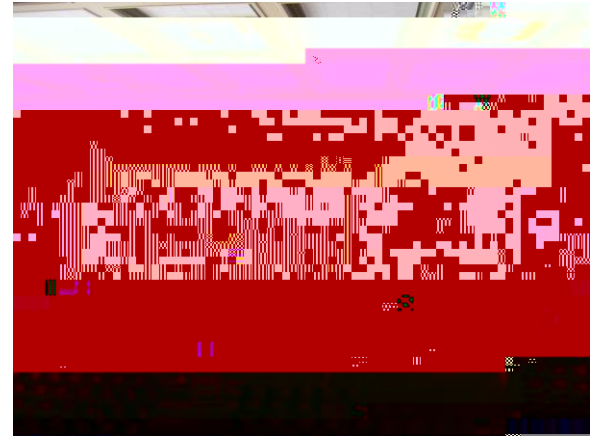


2<sup>nd</sup> floor corridor facing south showing infill walls

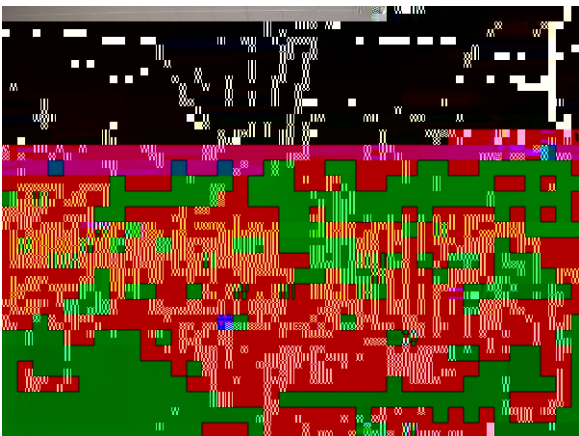
Media Center in former gymnasium



Classroom built-ins

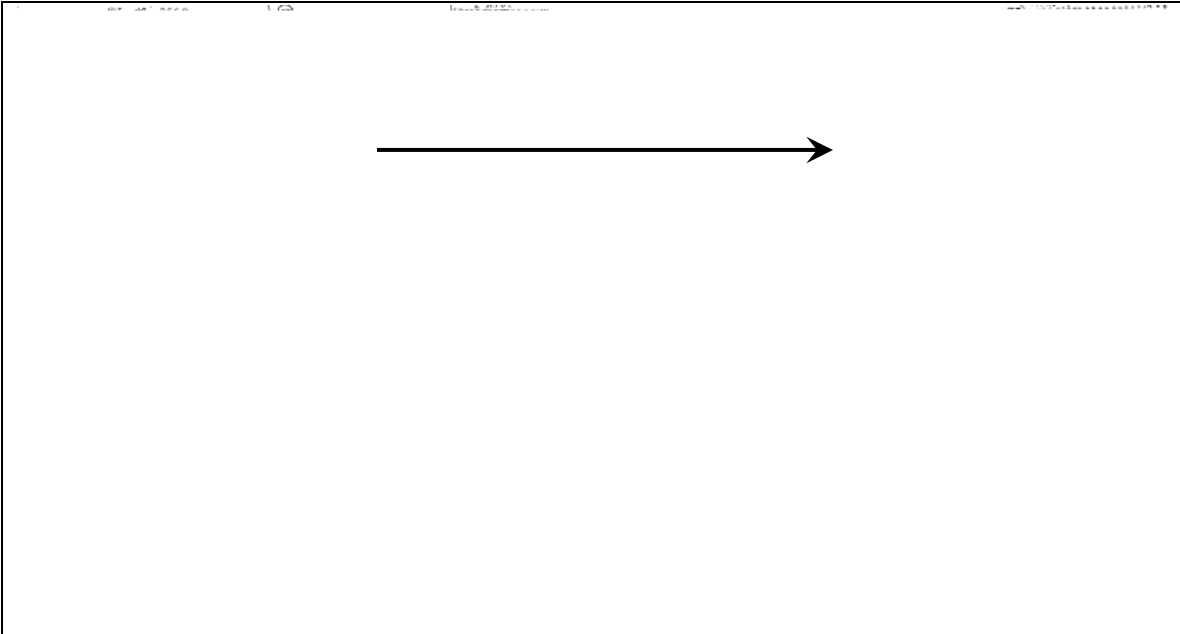


Auditorium facing south

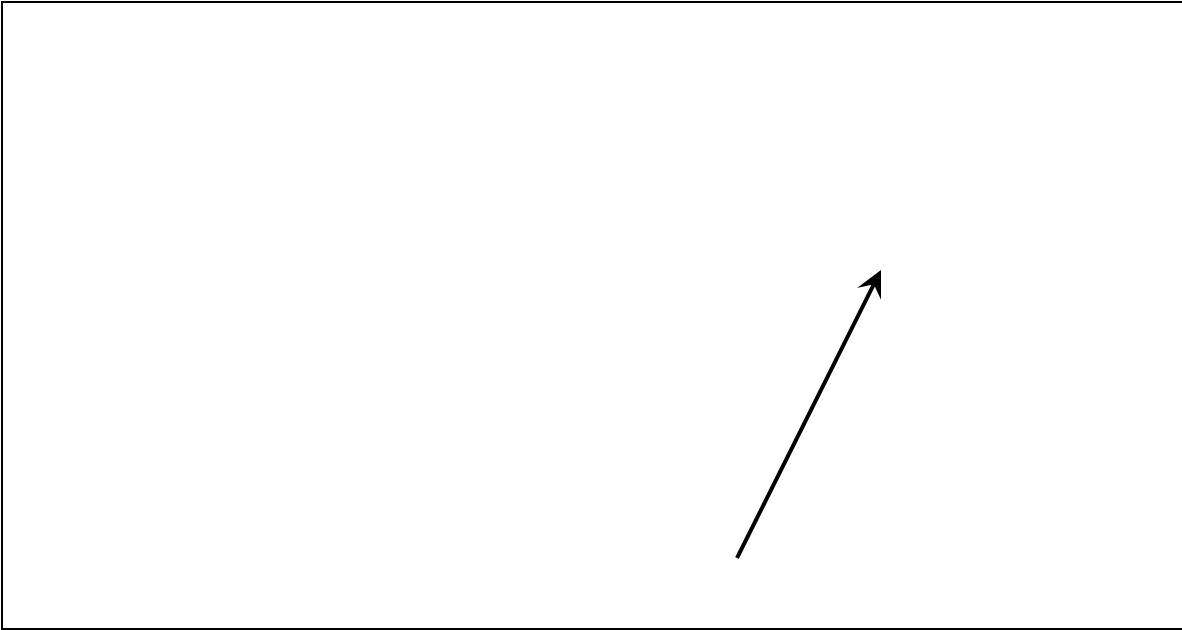


Cafeteria

**Ockley Green School  
Interior Photos  
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1924-1928, Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Map, Portland, Oregon, Map 914. Arrow points to the future site of the Ockley Green School. Note the older school building located to the southwest.



Updated to 1950 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Map, Portland, Oregon, Map 478.  
Arrow points to Ockley Green School. Note school building location change.



**B d Pe d**

1. Original Building (178A), 1925
2. Addition (178A), 1953
3. Addition (178A), 1981
4. Addition (178B), 1981
5. Port. 1
6. Port. 2