

8. property owners name and address
 Pittsburgh Board of Public Education
 341 South Bellefield Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15213

9. tax parcel number/other number
 175N-282

10. U.T.M.

1	7	5	9	3	6	3	0
Zone				easting			

 one acre

4	4	7	7	5	0	0
northing			Pgh. East 1:24000			

 usgs sheet:

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)
 Allegheny Co. Survey

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building (X) district ()
 thematic (X)

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1903

14. period
 1901-1920

15. style, design or folk type
 Second Renaissance Revival

19. original use
 School

20. present use
 School

16. architect or engineer
 Ellsworth Dean

17. contractor or builder
 A&S Wilson Co.

18. primary building mat./construc.
 Steel; Brick

21. condition
 Good

22. integrity
 Excellent

23. site plan with north arrow

BLACK AND WHITE PRINT(S)
 3 1/2" x 5" enlargement or medium format contact
 note location of negative in block 24.

24. photo notation

25. file/location

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)
 Park Place School is a small but grand Second Renaissance Revival two-story nine-by-seven-bay school building with a shallow hip roof, tall central chimney, and a central pediment-crowned pavilion on the west (Braddock Avenue) facade. The pediment is ornamented with dentils and antefixes, with a wreath (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background
 Park Place School maintains excellent integrity and illustrates the type of grand Edwardian school built in the East End of Pittsburgh during its heyday at the turn of the century.
 A 1914 report on the building points out that each local political division or sub-district was required to spend at least two times their state (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information
 The Builder, 20:5, August, 1904, p. 19.
 (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:
 Lu Donnelly
 PHLF

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date
 5/85

31. county 003 32. style 09
 32. construction material 06, 03 34. roof _____
 35. design type _____
 36. historic function 0 80 3 0 1P
 37. construction feature _____ 38. ext. walls 03 39. plan _____
 40. facade width 6 41. roof material _____ 42. stories C 43. depth _____
 44. ext. design _____
 45. int. design _____

1. County Allegheny
 5. present name Park Place School
 2. municipality Pittsburgh
 6. other name (historic name if any) N/A

3. street address or specific location South Braddock and Brashear Avenues
 4. survey code

26. (cont.)

and other foliated ornament in the tympanum. The wall surface is Pompeian brick, smooth on the second story and banded on the first. A belt course separates the stories and a stone water table crowns the foundation.

The windows are one-over-one double hung sash with flaring voussoirs and central consoles on the first story, and round arched transoms on the second story. Windows on the second story of the pavilion have pediment hood moldings. The central entryway is round arched and ornamented with scrolled dentils and egg and dart moldings. The arch is supported by Ionic columns. Small porticoes supported by Ionic columns and topped by balustrades project on the north and south elevations. Each column is fabricated of five two-foot-tall tubes of granite.

The interior contains nine classrooms and a basement drill room/play area. A beautiful central split stairway retains two of its three original stained glass windows and has retained its metal treads and railings. The hallways have marble floors and tile wainscoting. A bowed bay accommodates the principal's office on the first story and forms a projection at the center of the rear (east) elevation. Each classroom has its original cloakroom facing the inner core of the building.

The basement has had some minimal water leakage, and one of the stained glass windows has been removed from the stairwell, but in general the school has seen very little alteration. It is an excellent candidate for reuse.

27. (cont.)

allotment of funds for a new school building, but that Park Place School cost \$100,000 before furnishing: an extravagant sum for such a tiny school, which indicates the great importance placed on education in this part of the city at the time.

The school is described as having solid brick walls, steel girders and roof framing, and hollow terra cotta tile floors erected on the Johnson long-span construction system. The general contractor was the A. & S. Wilson Company and the terra cotta fireproofing was by the National Fireproofing Company.

Ellsworth Dean, the architect, is also credited with the design of Linden School in the next sub-district. The schools share a predictably Classical style which further illustrates the shift toward the Classical elegance seen in East End schools of the late 1890s such as Friendship and Sterrett. Park Place School's grand pediment facing Braddock Avenue is designed to awe and impress students, but it also admirably blends with the neighboring residential neighborhood.

The school was named for a nearby park, and camp-meeting ground (both demolished).

The school was closed in June 1979 and remains vacant.

significance: architecture

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

1 County	Allegheny	2 municipality	Pittsburgh	3. street address or specific location	4. survey code
5. present name	Mark Place School				
					South Braddock and Brashear Avenues

Verbal boundary description and justification.

The nominated property consists of Allegheny County block and lot 175N-282 which encompasses the school building and its contiguous grounds.

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
West Inghouse High School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E593170 N4479270

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Larimer School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E592180 N4479760

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Park Place School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E593630 N4477500

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Sterrett School
Allegheny County

Zone 17
E592800 N4477680

Pitts East Quad

PARK PLACE

