

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address  
 School District of Philadelphia  
 21st. Street & the Parkway  
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

9. tax parcel number/other number  
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)  
 SPHSS

10. U.T.M. Zone 18 Easting 80  
 three acres  
 4419560  
 northing  
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia

12. classification  
 site ( ) structure ( ) object ( )  
 building ( ) district ( )  
 Thematic

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1935-1937  
 14. period

15. style, design or folk type  
 Art Deco

19. original use School  
 20. present use School

16. architect or engineer  
 Irwin T. Catharine

17. contractor or builder  
 Murta Appleton and  
 Company

18. primary building mat./construc.  
 Recon/Brick  
 limestone

21. condition Excel.  
 22. integrity Excel.

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)  
 NPS counting purposes: one contributing building  
 (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background  
 (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information  
 see bibliography for nomination  
 (continue on back if necessary)

29. prepared by:  
 B. Mintz

Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date 7/1986  
 revision(s)

31. county \_\_\_\_\_ 32. style \_\_\_\_\_  
 33. construction material \_\_\_\_\_ 34. roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 35. design type \_\_\_\_\_  
 36. historic function \_\_\_\_\_  
 37. construction feature \_\_\_\_\_ 38. ext. walls \_\_\_\_\_ 39. plan \_\_\_\_\_  
 40. facade width \_\_\_\_\_ 41. roof material \_\_\_\_\_ 42. stories \_\_\_\_\_ 43. depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 44. ext. design \_\_\_\_\_  
 45. int. design \_\_\_\_\_

1. County PHILADELPHIA  
 2. municipality PHILADELPHIA  
 3. street address or specific location 2100 Moore Street  
 4. survey code  
 5. present name DELAWARE MCDANIEL SCHOOL  
 6. other name (historic name if any) SAME

## Delaplaine McDaniel Elementary School

### Physical Description

This yellow brick building rising three stories and spanning sixteen bays is constructed in the Art Deco style. The main building facade is divided into two main sections by the two entrance bays with projecting rooflines. The fenestration forms a regular pattern of tripartite six over six sash with thin brick piers, rising the height of the structure. The spandrel panels conceal the air vents. Each bay is defined by a brick pilaster with stylized stepped capital. Three zigzag panels, decorated in brick and limestone, crown each of the bay openings. The main entrances have limestone pilasters and spandrel panels with the building name incised. Zigzag panels are inset between the second and third floor windows. The fenestration pattern continues around to the 22nd Street elevation.

### Statement of Significance

Constructed in 1935-1937 the Delaplaine McDaniel School stands as an exceptional example of the high style Art Deco School in Philadelphia of the 1930's. The building's linear quality, communicated through spandrels and ribbon bands, and the verticality of attenuated piers betray the hand of school architect Irwin Catharine. Unlike Catharine's early work in this style, his design for the McDaniel School is more uninhibited, displaying an unusual richness of surface and ornament, while remaining within the constraints of required school massing and scale.

The floor plan with double-loaded corridors features a sizable Assembly Hall, large kindergarten room with Industrial Arts room above, filling the requirements for a wide range of elementary pupils.

Thus the Delaplaine McDaniel School is exceptionally significant for its unusually rich ornate Art Deco detailing which stands out among Art Deco schools designed by Irwin T. Catherine, a highly important Philadelphia public school architect.

area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 8862575 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

