

7. Local survey organization

8. property owners name and address  
 School Board of Philadelphia  
 21st Street & the Parkway  
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

9. tax parcel number/other number

11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

10. U.T.M. Zone Easting  
 18 489920  
 less than one acre  
 4423290  
 northing  
 usgs sheet: Philadelphia

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

13. date(s) (how determined)  
 1926-1927

14. period

15. style, design or folk type  
 Goth/Ecles.

19. original use School  
 20. present use Vacant

16. architect or engineer  
 Irwin T. Catherine

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.  
 Brick/Limestone  
 Tile

21. condition Good  
 22. integrity Good

23. site plan with north arrow

24. photo notation

25. file/location

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

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 HANCOCK AND WIDEX STREET

4. survey code

5. present name DANIEL BOONE SCHOOL

6. other name (historic name if any) SAME

## Daniel Boone School

### Physical Description

A four story, eight bay brick building with two story center section, the Daniel Boone School is designed in a Gothicized, early Art Deco mode. A limestone band course, spanning the front and side elevations, distinguishes the first floor from the upper stories. An off center entrance is distinguished by an arched limestone surround framed by a pediment supported by smooth dressed limestone columns. Individual first floor bays are distinguished by pairs of double hung one over one sash windows. The upper portion of the building is defined by paired double hung windows set within arched recessed panels, creating an arcade effect. Decorative tile mosaic panels span above the second and third floor windows. The fourth floor windows are embellished with arched transoms. Colorful tile mosaics ornament the spandrels between the arched transoms. Crowning the building is a decorative brick and tile cornice. The side elevations feature blank brick surfaces embellished with brick diapering. The two story, three bay center section repeats the ornamentation pattern and arcaded window treatment of the main elevation.

### Statement of Significance

Constructed in 1927, the Daniel Boone School stands as an excellent, intact example of Superintendent Irwin T. Catharine's flair for the vertically-oriented Gothicized school building. Son of School Board member, Joseph Catherine, Irwin Catharine studied architecture at Drexel Institute in preparation for a career with the School Board. Succeeding H. deCoursey Richards as Head Draftsman in 1919, Catharine succeeded Superintendent John D. Cassell in 1930. Working within the constraints of standard school plan and massing, Catharine skillfully manipulated fenestration and wall surface to create an almost ecclesiastic verticality. While smaller than many of its contemporaries, the building displays the double loaded corridor plan favored by the School Board in construction of larger schools.

Although Catharine's characteristic arcaded walls, paired Gothic arches, and colorful mosaic tile ornament, reflects the influence of the Art Deco movement in architecture of the period, few examples of school buildings in this mode achieve the same level of sophistication and integrity as the Daniel Boone School.

area of significance: architecture

verbal boundary description

The nominated property consists of Philadelphia County lot 8861135 which contains the school and its contiguous grounds.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Spring Garden School #2  
12th & Melon St.  
18°48' 620N423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Spring Garden School #1  
12th & Odgen St.  
18°48' 660N424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
W&E Martin Orthopedic Sch.  
18°48' 100N424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Lydia Darrah School  
18°48' 820N424 020

PHILADELPHIA QUADRANGLE  
PENNSYLVANIA—NEW JERSEY  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Rudolph Walton School  
18°48' 900N427 020

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
George Heade School  
18°48' 900N425 140

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Verbrook High School  
18°48' 460N422 540

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Shoemaker Jr. High  
18°48' 480N424 860

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
William B. Hanna School  
18°47' 800N424 680

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
George L. Brooks School  
18°48' 020N424 040

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Dunlap  
18°48' 040N423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
West Phil. High School  
18°48' 460N422 520

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Walter B. Masterson School  
18°48' 820N423 440

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
David Landreth School  
18°48' 480N420 620

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Weir Mitchell School  
18°48' 880N420 520

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Bonny Wayne School  
18°48' 660N419 960

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Hilden Jr. High  
18°48' 660N419 960

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Daniel Boone School  
18°48' 920N423 200

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Edison High School  
18°48' 660N426 780

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
David Farragut School  
18°48' 820N426 200

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
William S. Stokely  
18°48' 040N425 900

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Paul Lawrence Dunbar  
18°48' 800N430 600

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
William Penn School  
18°48' 040N423 660

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Alexander Dallas Bache  
18°48' 140N424 220

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Hiffin School  
18°48' 760N423 500

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Fletcher School  
18°48' 340N423 460

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Thaddeus Stevens School  
18°48' 340N423 380

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Meredith School  
18°48' 100N420 820

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
J. Sylvester Ramsey School  
18°48' 300N421 420

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Samuel J. Randall School  
18°48' 340N421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Robert Raiston School  
18°48' 460N420 960

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Francis H. Orvel School  
18°48' 220N421 120

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Philadelphia County  
Abigail Vane School  
18°48' 220N421 120