

<b>PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM</b> OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION Box 1026 PA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION Harrisburg, PA 17120		7. Local survey organization Philadelphia Historical Commission		5. present name Laura H. Carnell School 1. County Philadelphia
8. property owners name and address School District of Philadelphia 21st and Winter Streets Philadelphia, PA 19103		9. tax parcel number / other number 886270500	10. U.T.M. zone 18 4927810 4.5 acres 44131181510 Northing uses sheet: Frankford	
12. classification site ( ) structure ( ) object ( ) building ( ) Thematic in N.R. district yes ( ) no ( )	13. date(s) (how determined) 1930-1931	14. period 1930-1931	15. style, design or folk type Late Gothic Revival	19. original use School
16. architect or engineer Irwin T. Catharine	17. contractor or builder Unknown	18. primary building mat./construction Brick with stone & terra cotta trim	21. condition Excellent	20. present use School
23. site plan with north arrow 		22. integrity Very good		
24. photo notation		25. file/location		
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) A 3-story, 8-register, brick school set upon a raised basement. The outside registers are blank, featuring a large diapered brick panel. The central four registers each have five windows in a 1-3-1 arrangement and are separated from each other by brick piers containing terra cotta capitals above the third floor window line. The registers next to the outside contain ground floor stone arched entryways, a stone 2-story bay at the second and third floors, paired windows within a single opening at the fourth level and a crenellated battlement at the top marked by four small towers at each corner. Generally, the details of this building follow those introduced in 1922 with the Jenks and Morrison Schools, but brought to full flower in this design. A small rear addition was constructed in 1953.				
27. history, significance and/or background The School District undertook a massive construction program in the 1920s. Between 1924 and 1930, it erected six 3-story, 8-register, yellow brick, Art Deco elementary schools on Irwin T. Catharine's model of type 144; they appear in this nomination. He used this same basic form and plan in three other schools in 1929-1931, including the Laura H. Carnell School, which substituted red brick for yellow and Academic				
28. sources of information Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934 School Board, "New School Buildings Under Contract"		29. prepared by: J. M. Moak		30. date 5-20-87

2. municipality  
Philadelphia

3. street address or specific location  
6101 Summerdale Ave., a.k.a. 1100 Devereaux St.

4. survey code

27. HISTORY/SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Gothic for Art Deco. This group of three -- or more properly nine -- illustrates the proliferation of school buildings in the 1920s, the versatility of Catharine, and a peculiar stylistic ambiguity or tension between statements of modernity and tradition. The group of three were also among the last of Catharine's designs in the Academic or Collegiate Gothic style. The Carnell School has very good integrity.

National Register Criteria: C, Architecture

Boundary Justification: The nominated property contains the contributing building and all historically associated land.

There is one contributing building on the nominated property.

Verbal boundary: the nominated property is tax parcel #886270500.

EVALUATION

This building warrants listing on the National Register for its place in the history of education and of school architecture in Philadelphia.

EVALUATOR(S)

3. ADDRESS: Summerdale Avenue, 6101

5. NAME: Carnell, Laura H., School

6. FORMER NAME:

13. DATES: 1930-1931

ADDITIONS:

DESCRIPTION: A 3-story, 8-register, brick school set upon a raised basement. The outside registers are blank, featuring a large diapered brick panel. The central four registers each have five windows in an 1-3-1 arrangement and are separated from each other by brick piers containing terra cotta capitals above the third floor window line. The registers next to the outside contain ground floor stone arched entryways, a stone 2-story bay at the second and third floors, paired windows within a single opening at the fourth level and a crennated battlement at top marked by four small towers at each corner. Generally, the details of the building follow those introduced in 1922 with the John Story Jenks and Andrew Morrison Schools, but brought to full flower with this design.

HISTORY/SIGN.: The School Board records contain a duplicate in School Board Type Numbers. Number 144 is applied to both the Art Deco Allen, Barton, Finletter, Forrest, Hopkinson and Sullivan Schools and to the Academic Gothic Creighton and Pennypacker Schools. In 1930, the Academic Gothic design had its designation to 144-E when it was applied to the Carnell School. The floor plans may actually have been the same, but the exterior details were certainly distinct in the two designs, something which ordinarily would call for two separate Type Numbers. It is interesting to note that, with the exception of the Pennypacker School, all of the schools of this type were erected in the Northeast and Juniata Park sections of the city. These Academic Gothic buildings were among the last designed by Catharine in this style.

A rear addition, matching the brickwork of the original building, was constructed in 1953.

28. SOURCES: Edmunds, Chronological List of Public School Buildings, 1818-1934  
School Board, "New School Buildings Under Contract"

EVALUATION: The architectural merits of this building warrants inclusion onto the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Philadelphia Public Schools Thematic District.

EVALUATION

EVALUATOR(S)

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Thomas Finletter School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/489800/4432400

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Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Benjamin Franklin School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/491060/4432260

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Laura Carnell School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/492780/4431850

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Thomas Creighton School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/491000/4430340

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Feltonville School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 18/489500/4430280

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Clara Barton School  
Philadelphia County  
Zone 18  
UTM 489750/4429800

Philadelphia Public Schools  
Thematic Nomination  
Henry B. ...

