

INVENTORY SHEET FOR GROUP NOMINATIONS: IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOISE, IDAHO

NOMINATION: (BOISE PUBLIC SCHOOLS T4R)

SITE NAME: Collister School ↓

SITE NUMBER: 4

LOCATION: 4426 Catalpa Drive, Boise, ID 83703 ada Co.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Independent School District of Boise City  
1207 Fort Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

QUADRANGLE AND SCALE: Boise North, 7.5 minute      ACREAGE: about 5 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nomination includes the Collister School and the property on which it stands, the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of section 29, R2E, T4N, Boise Meridian.

UTM(S): 11/561040/4833705

DATE OR PERIOD: 1912, additions      ARCHITECT OR BUILDER: Tourtellotte and Hummel  
1948, 1953

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Education

EVALUATED LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local

CONDITION: good, altered, original site

DESCRIPTION:

Collister School, designed in 1912 by the architectural firm of Tourtellotte and Hummel, is a two-story stucco-over-brick and stone structure with flat parapet roofline and left-of-center recessed arched entry. Banks of large windows span the facade on both floors and a large window with a shallow arch is seen above the entrance. Ornamentation is limited to a course below the parapet roof, keystones in the entry arch and large windows above, and molding treatment of the windows.

The original four-room schoolhouse was added to in 1948 with a small two-story flat-roofed wing at the left end of the building, creating an L-shaped plan. The wall facing the street is windowless but displays a band of decorative brickwork which relates the addition to the original structure.

A long, low flat-roofed one-story wing is seen at the right. Built in 1953, this section of the school is much larger than the original portion and has the continuous bands of metal-frame windows typical of later school architecture. The scale, fenestration, and lack of detail make this wing an unharmonious addition, although it does not obscure or alter the original schoolhouse. The alterations described are compatible with the historical character of the building and constitute all major alterations.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The significance of Collister School lies in its place in the historical development of schools in the area. Collister was constructed on the unit plan, which allowed additions to be made to the original structure with relative ease. This innovation in school design was just coming into use in the area, and Collister is the only school of the old vertical box type in the Thematic Group which was constructed with a forward-looking eye to flexibility.

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Boise Public Schools Thematic Resources  
State Idaho

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.  | Garfield School           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 11/8/82</u>    |
|     |                           |                                     | Attest        | _____                           |
| 2.  | Lowell School             | Substantive Review                  | Keeper        | <u>Linda McClelland 11/8/82</u> |
|     |                           |                                     | Attest        | _____                           |
| 3.  | Roosevelt School          | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 11/8/82</u>    |
|     |                           |                                     | Attest        | _____                           |
| 4.  | Cole School and Gymnasium | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 11/8/82</u>    |
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| 5.  | Whitney School            | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 11/8/82</u>    |
|     |                           |                                     | Attest        | _____                           |
| 6.  | Pierce Park School        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 11/8/82</u>    |
|     |                           |                                     | Attest        | _____                           |
| 7.  | Collister School          | Substantive Review                  | Keeper        | <u>Linda McClelland 11/8/82</u> |
|     |                           |                                     | Attest        | _____                           |
| 8.  | Longfellow School         | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 11/8/82</u>    |
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| 9.  | Franklin School           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 11/8/82</u>    |
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| 10. |                           |                                     | Keeper        | _____                           |
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Substantive Review  
Collister School (Boise Public Schools TR)  
Ada County  
IDAHO

Working No. 9/27/82-2582  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 10/29/82 - 11/1/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 11/8/82  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Although added to in 1948 and 1953, the central 4-room core of 1912 is still distinctive.*  
Recom./Criteria Accept ATC  
Reviewer McClure  
Discipline A. Hist  
Date 11/8/82  
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

- 1. Name
- 2. Location
- 3. Classification  

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	
- 4. Owner of Property
- 5. Location of Legal Description
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

- 7. Description  

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_  
title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



NO  
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ANY  
TIME

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Boise Public Schools  
Collister School (site 4)  
4426 Catalpa Drive  
Boise, Ada County, Idaho

Photograph by Ron Pisaneschi  
July, 1982

Negative on file at Idaho State  
Historical Society, Boise, Idaho

View from Southwest

Photograph 1 of 1

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000159