

State of California — The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
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NRHP Status Code: _____
 Other Listings _____
 Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or 350 East K Street Unified School District Offices

- P1. Other Identifier:**
 *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
 b. Address: 350 East K Street
 *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
 d. UTM: N/A
 e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
 *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 88-152-03
 *P3a. Description

This large school building was constructed circa 1920. It is designed in the Mediterranean Revival Style which was very popular during this period and which was frequently used in school construction. A complex building, the west end is devoted to administrative functions and an auditorium while the east wing consists of classrooms. The projecting entry is located at the west end of the front elevation and is marked by a cross gable roof with clipped gables. A double wide arched entry is embellished by tile work which outlines the arch. Double doors with multi-light glazing are recessed inside the arched opening. A wide cement stair provides access to the entry. It is flanked by low concrete balustrades. Directly to the west and stepped back from the entry façade a two-story bell tower or pavilion rises. This is surmounted by a hip roof with closed eave overhangs. Arched openings are centered on all of the tower elevations and on the front elevation this opening is emphasized with a canted balcony and a decorative tile motif. Stepped back slightly from the tower is a gable roof two-story auditorium wing., a rosette terra cotta entablature occupies the center of the gable and paired multi-light long windows run the full length of the west side façade. To the east of the entry two full-length multi light French doors open out onto faux wrought iron balconies. The top of these openings is emphasized by a row of decorative tile. On the east side of the central entry a long classroom wing extends east. A low side gable roof surmounts this wing which is intersected toward the east end of the building by a cross gable.

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



The classroom fenestration consists of long multi-light windows that are set just below the eaves. The building is poured concrete..

- *P3b. Resource Attributes: HP15
 *P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District
 *P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view southeast
 *P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1920
 Prehistoric Historic Both
 *P7. Owner and Address:
 Benicia Unified School District
 350 East K Street
 Benicia, CA 94510
 *P8. Recorded by:
 Carol Roland
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 4829 Crestwood Way
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 *P9. Date Recorded: 9-25-05
 *P10. Type of Survey: Intensive
 Reconnaissance Other

Describe Eligibility Evaluation

*P11. Report Citation: none

*Attachments: NONE Map Sheet Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record Linear Resource Record Archaeological Record District Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Identifier: 350 East K Street Unified School District Offices *NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name:

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: school

B4. Present Use: offices

*B5. Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: None

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type: Educational Building

Applicable Criteria: A / C

This is an excellent example of a circa 1920s school building. It is also a good example of a refined Mediterranean Period Revival public building. The staggered roof lines, varying heights of intersecting wings and stepped back facades all add architectural interest to the concrete building. Mediterranean motifs include the clipped front gables, arched openings, pavilion, tile inset decoration, and window grates. The large long multi-light windows are a typical feature of educational buildings in this period, installed to maximize natural light on the interior. The building is well executed and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting location and association. It is one of two historic school buildings that contribute to an east side historic district.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Bruegmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History* (San Francisco: 101 Productions (1980); Woodbridge, Sally and Cannon Design Group. *Benicia, California: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan*. City of Benicia, 1990; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

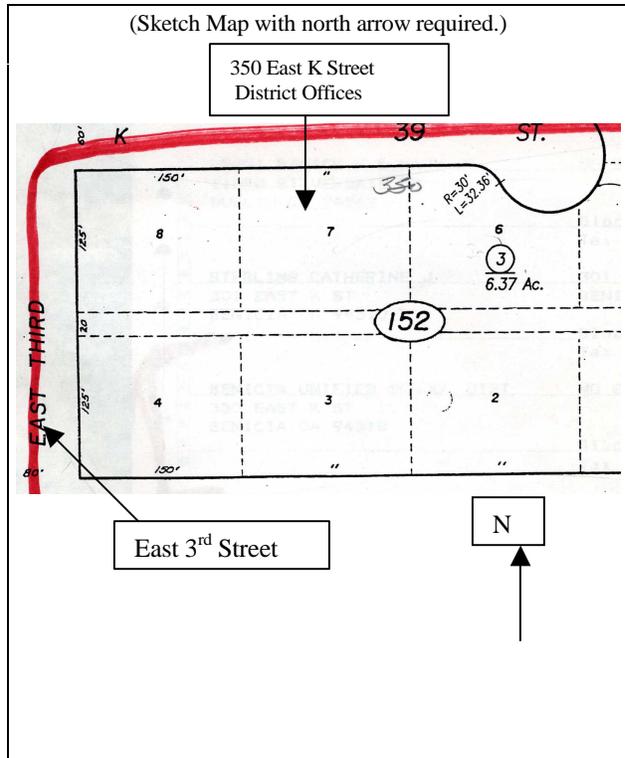
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Remarks: N/A

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 9-25-05



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