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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Christian Park School #82

other names/site number 097-295-2098

2. Location

street & number 4700 English Avenue N/A not for publication

city or town Indianapolis N/A vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Marion code 097 zip code 46201

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

R. R. Kable

3/7/95

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Public School Buildings in Indianapolis
Built Before 1940

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: school

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: school

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: limestone
walls BRICK
roof ASPHALT
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1931

Significant Dates

1931

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

McGuire, William and Shook, Wilbur

Service Construction Company

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Christian Park School #82
Name of Property

Marion Co., IN
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property 3.4

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46202

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Indianapolis Public Schools

street & number 120 East Walnut Street telephone _____

city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46204

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School #82 is an outstanding representation of the Georgian Revival style of architecture. In keeping with that design, the building contains such elements as paired end chimneys, quoins, broken pediments, roof balustrades, and an Adamesque-inspired cupola.

The main facade, which faces south, consists of the original two story brick building with a two story addition on the east (Photo #2). The 1931 building has a gabled roof with paired end chimneys and a centrally-located octagonal cupola. This portion of the building rests upon a raised basement with three-over-three double-hung sash windows. There is a one bay wing which extends northward at each end of the original building.

There are fourteen bays across the south facade, excluding the wings and new addition. Below the limestone cornice are twelve six-over-six double-hung sash windows with limestone keystones. Above each door, which is located east and west of center, is one eight-over-eight double-hung sash window with limestone surrounds. The first floor also has twelve six-over-six double-hung sash windows, but with plain brick surrounds.

Each of the two doorways consists of three replacement doors with a fixed-sash transom. The door has limestone surrounds with pilasters and a broken pediment. The bay is highlighted by brick quoins. The western-most entrance is inscribed with "Public School"/"Number 82" above the door; the eastern-most entrance says "Christian Park School." (Photo #3)

The new addition is joined to the 1931 structure by a one story brick passageway with three round arch double-hung sash windows (Photo #4). The 1955 addition is also a brick two story building ornamented by brick quoins; however, this section has a flat

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roof. The three-over-six double-hung sash windows reflect those used in the older section.

The eastern facade contains one central bay delineated by brick quoins (Photo #5). The second floor has one three-over-six double-hung sash window with limestone surrounds. The first floor has a double metal door with fixed-sash transom and limestone surrounds.

The northern facade is a combination of utilitarian construction (Photo #6). The 1955 addition contains seven bays. The facade of the connecting section is not visible due to a six-bay, one-story addition which extends to the north of it. This eastern section contains an entrance on each end. The center portion of the original building contains 18 bays with a four-story smokestack rising four bays from the west. The west wing of the original structure extends north past the center section to expose four bays which face east. The extension of the two wings forms a modified "U" shape on the north facade.

The west facade reveals fourteen six-over-six double-hung sash windows on the second floor and thirteen six-over-six double-hung sash windows on the first floor (Photo #7). Three of these windows are located on a projecting bay with limestone trim. Thirteen basement windows are also visible on this facade.

The interior remains much the same as it was at the time of construction. The first floor contains administrative offices, the gymnasium and auditorium, and classrooms. Photo #8 shows the interior of the gym. This small, utilitarian space combines the facilities of a recreation facility and stage. The three-part doorway reflects the Colonial detailing through a pediment and fluted pilasters (Photo #9).

Photo #10 shows the standard classroom entrance located in the 1931 building. The wooden door contains six panes of glass; next to the door is a 15-pane fixed sash window. Photo #11 shows a second floor hallway in the 1931 section.

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The present cafeteria is located in the basement (Photo #12). The original plans indicate that this space was reserved for a future manual arts room, sewing room, and a cooking room, with the cafeteria on the second floor.

Photo #13 shows a classroom doorway in the 1955 addition. The multi-panes of glass are in keeping with the original building.

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Christian Park School is significant under criteria C because of its Georgian Revival architecture. Of the two Georgian Revival style structures in the Indianapolis Public School System, Christian Park is the oldest having been built in 1931. The other such structure, P.S. #86 was built in 1940. P.S. #82 maintains a high level of interior and exterior integrity as well as exhibiting numerous characteristics associated with Georgian Revival architecture.

For a complete record of the development of the Indianapolis Public School System, please refer to the corresponding Multiple Property Submission.

The Christian Park School, designed by the firm of McGuire & Shook, harmonizes architecturally with the nearby Christian Park Community House built in 1930 (Photo #1).

The present P.S. #82 is the result of the merger of two earlier schools--P.S. #82 and P.S. #77. In response to the educational needs of South Irvington, the School Board erected a portable structure on the southeast corner of English and Emerson in 1923 which became P.S. #82. In 1926 the patrons of P.S. #21 (located at English and Rural) petitioned for a portable to be erected two blocks east at English and Sherman to accommodate the pupils of the area. The School Board was reluctant to fulfill this request because they believed there were more children in the area than a portable could support. However, the Board approved erection of two, two-room portables one block south of English at Sherman and Spann, and designated them P.S. #77. Meanwhile, the Parent-Teacher Association of P.S. #82 clamored for a permanent building. The December 1928 building program included

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a new building for P.S. #82, but these plans were later discarded.

In 1930, despite some opposition over the merger of the two schools, the School Board decided to go ahead with the new construction on land near Christian Park donated by the Park Board. The Building Program Committee decided that one large school would meet the needs of the community better than the two small buildings. The recommended structure contained sixteen classrooms with an auditorium, kitchen, and shop. McGuire & Shook, architects for the project, later designed Thomas Carr Howe High School and the James E. Roberts School. Service Construction Company served as the general contractor for Christian Park School.

On April 14, 1931 a delegation of the South Irvington Civic Club and the PTAs of Schools #77 and #82 asked that the new school be named Christian Park School "as a means of identifying its location, but primarily as a tribute to Edna M. Christian." She and her husband, Dr. Wilmer Christian, donated the land that became Christian Park. Their donation specified that the land be used to benefit children.

In 1955 McGuire & Shook prepared architectural drawings for an addition to the east end of the existing building. The addition blends well with the 1931 structure and reflects the same style of architecture.

The Indianapolis Public School System continues to operate the structure as an elementary school.

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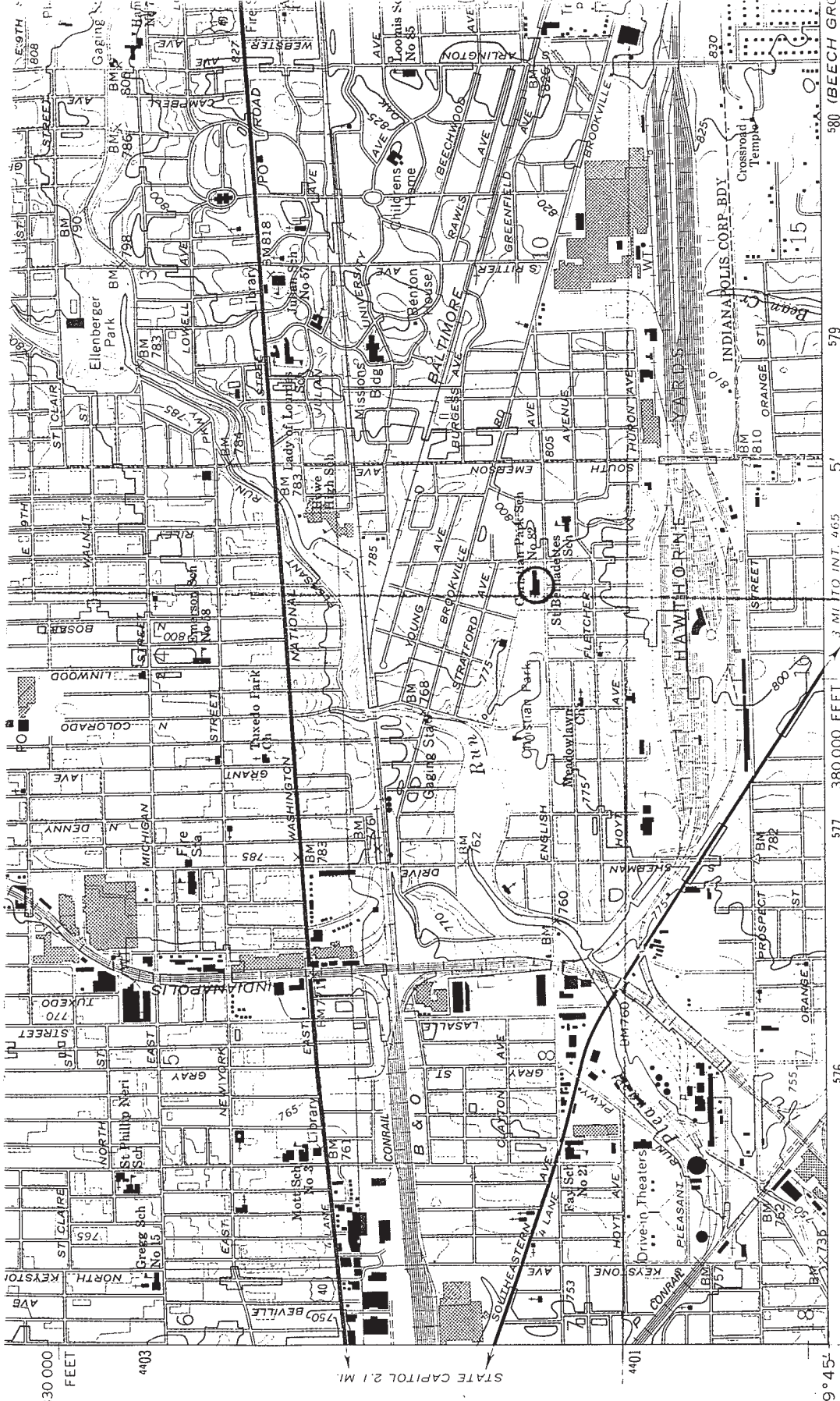
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Verbal Boundary Description

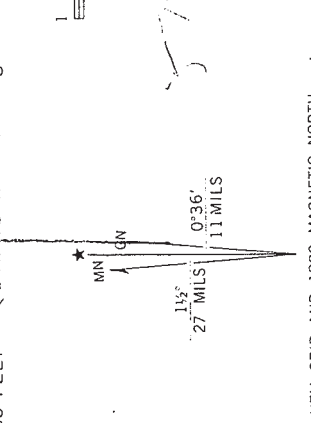
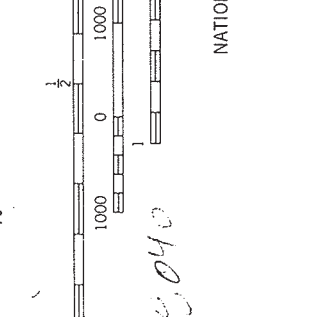
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Boundary Justification

This description comprises the boundaries of the land acquired to build School #82. Only the school building is included.



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 To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
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