

1930s Main, Kindergarten, and Classroom Buildings

Possibly due to the studies initiated by the District in 1967 and again in 1980, the original architectural drawings of the first North School building dating from 1924 have been misplaced. The photograph of North School (below) shows that it was originally a red brick clad building designed in a modest Neoclassical style of architecture, similar in design to the original Pier Avenue School building. (Figures 9 and 10)

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When the North School building was badly damaged from the Long Beach earthquake in 1933, the firm of MSP was retained by the District to rehabilitate the existing North School building. Five years later, in 1938, MSP was retained to design two additional stand-alone classroom buildings on the campus to expand the enrollment capacity of the school.



Figure 9: Close-up view of North School as it appeared before the Long Beach Earthquake. The building was designed in a Neoclassical style with steps leading up to a center hallway facing 25th Street.

(Photograph courtesy of Hermosa Beach Historical Museum)