

Guide to the Las Vegas High School Architectural Drawings

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Las Vegas High School (Las Vegas, Nev.)
Title:	Las Vegas High School Architectural Drawings
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Date [inclusive]:	1929-1972
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Abstract:	The Las Vegas High School architectural drawings include blueprints for various improvements, expansions, additions, and renovations performed for the Las Vegas, Nevada high school between 1929 and 1972. The architectural drawing sets include site plans, floor plans, elevations, sections, building component details, and structural drawings.

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Historical Note

Las Vegas High School (LVHS), the oldest standing school in Las Vegas, Nevada, dates back to the early 1900s and underwent a number of location and name changes over the course of its history.

Originally known as the Clark County School in 1902, the school's first official building finished construction in 1905 at the corner of 2nd Street and Lewis Avenue. This location burned down on October 29, 1910. In 1911, the school relocated to 4th Street and Lewis Avenue in a new building. The Union Pacific Railroad originally owned this land, but the Union Pacific Railroad deeded the land to the city for use as a public school.

In 1917, the school changed its name to the Las Vegas High School and opened at 4th Street and Clark Avenue, adjacent to the 4th Street and Lewis Avenue location. By 1930, the growing population of the city led to the construction of a new building at 7th Street and Bridger Avenue, which is today known as the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts. The National Register of Historic Places classified the original Las Vegas

High School Academic Building and Gymnasium at the site as protected historic buildings due to their representation of 1930s art-deco style architecture.

The former Las Vegas High School building at 4th Street and Clark Avenue burned down on May 24, 1934. At that time, the building had been converted to be a part of the Las Vegas Grammar School, today known as the Historic Fifth Street School. The current location of Las Vegas High School is 6500 East Sahara Avenue.

Sources:

"History of the School." Las Vegas High School. Accessed April 19, 2019. https://www.lvwildcats.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=167985&type=d&pREC_ID=357225

"Las Vegas High School." *Las Vegas High School Alumni Association*. Accessed April 19, 2019. <http://lvhsaa.com/History.htm>

"National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form." Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. March 10, 1992.

Accessed April 19, 2019. http://shpo.nv.gov/uploads/documents/64500438_-_Historic_School_Buildings_in_the_Evolution_of_the_Fifth_Supervision_School_District_MPDF.pdf

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The Las Vegas High School architectural drawings include blueprints for various improvements, expansions, additions, and renovations performed for the Las Vegas, Nevada high school between 1929 and 1972. The architectural drawing sets include site plans, floor plans, elevations, sections, building component details, and structural drawings.

This collection includes drawings prepared by the following firms: George A. Ferris and Son Architects and Engineers; Claud Beelman and Herman Spackler Architect Associates; Ceco Steel Products Corporation (engineer); A. Lacy Worwick Co. Architects; R. J. Daum Construction Co.; S. A. Roberts & Co. (engineer); Wilson-Lane Construction Co.; Detroit Steel Products Co. (manufacturer); and W. M. Bostock Structural Engineer.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

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Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Jimmy Chang rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:
Elmo C. Bruner Architectural and Real Estate Appraisal Records, 1937-1996. MS-00177. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Architectural drawings (visual works)

- blueprints (reprographic copies)
- Architecture
- School buildings
- High schools (buildings)
- Las Vegas High School
- Gymnasiums
- Las Vegas High School (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Academic, gymnasium, shop buildings by George A. Ferris and Son Architects and Engineers: architectural drawing set, 1929 September 23	flat file 01
Physical Description: 37 Sheets	flat file 02
Alterations and addition to the gymnasium building by A. Lacy Worswick Co. Architects: building floor plans, elevations, and sections, 1947 June 25	flat file 03
Physical Description: 6 Sheets	
Steel sash by Ceco Steel Products Corporation: detail drawings and installation plan, 1948 January 05-1949 January 06	flat file 03
Physical Description: 3 Sheets	
Steel joist by S. A. Roberts & Co.: detail drawings and sections, 1950 June 06	flat file 03
Physical Description: 1 Sheets	
Stair handrail and guardrail for the Vocational and Industrial Arts Building (currently Performing Arts Center at the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts) by Wilson-Lane Construction Co.: detail drawings, 1949 March 07	flat file 03
Physical Description: 2 Sheets	
Vocational and Industrial Arts Building (currently Las Vegas Academy of the Visual Arts) by Detroit Steel Products Co.: steel truss detail drawings, 1950 May 05-08	flat file 03
Physical Description: 4 Sheets	
School auditorium and band room by Claud Beelman and Herman Spackler Architect Associates: architectural drawing set, 1952 January 30	flat file 04
Physical Description: 29 Sheets	flat file 05
Electrical installations and diagrams by Electro Controls Incorporated, 1972 September 01	flat file 06
Physical Description: 9 Sheets	
Classroom building by Worswick Co. and R. J. Daum Construction Co.: truss details, undated	flat file 05

Physical Description: 2 Sheets

New school building for Las Vegas High School (currently Las Vegas Academy of the Arts) by W. M. Bostock Structural Engineer: truss details and building elevations, undated flat file 05

Physical Description: 3 Sheets