

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY FIELD FORM 1988-1989

HIST. NAME: Lakewood Grade School

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1928

COMMON NAME: Lakewood Center for the Arts

ORIGINAL USE: School

ADDRESS: 368 S. State Street

OWNER: Lake Oswego Community Theatre, Same

PRESENT USE: Community Center

ARCH./BLDR.: Dougan, L.L.

T/R/S: 2S 1E 10AD

TAX LOT: 10400

STYLE: Classical

Revival

RESOURCE TYPE:

Building

THEME: Education;

Architecture

ADDITION: N/A

BLOCK:

LOT:

QUAD: Lake Oswego

LOT SIZE:

ZONE: R-0

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: L-plan

NO. OF STORIES: 1

FOUNDATION MATERIAL: Concrete

BASEMENT: Daylight

ROOF FORM & MATERIALS: Hip; composition shingle

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Masonry

STRUCTURAL FRAME: Unknown

PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Aluminum vertical sliding in bands, flanked by pilasters

EXTERIOR SURFACING MATERIALS: Brick

DECORATIVE FEATURES: Central portico supported by Doric columns; garlands and scagolia in tympanum; busts set in niches flank entrance; glazed double doors with fanlight; raised panel w/triglyphs and inscribed with "Oswego Public School Anno Domini MCXXXVII" above fanlight; Bull's eye windows; hipped belvedere w/dentilated cornice

OTHER: Niches medallions and cast stone quoins at either end of facade; paneled spandrels

CONDITION: Good

EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Windows replaced (n.d.)

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Mature foundation plantings

ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES: None

SETTING: Located on northwest corner of State Street and Maplecrest on southern periphery of city's commercial core; fronts on to State Street; immediate area comprised of post World War apartments and recently constructed shopping center

NOTES:

RECORDER(S): Koler/Morrison

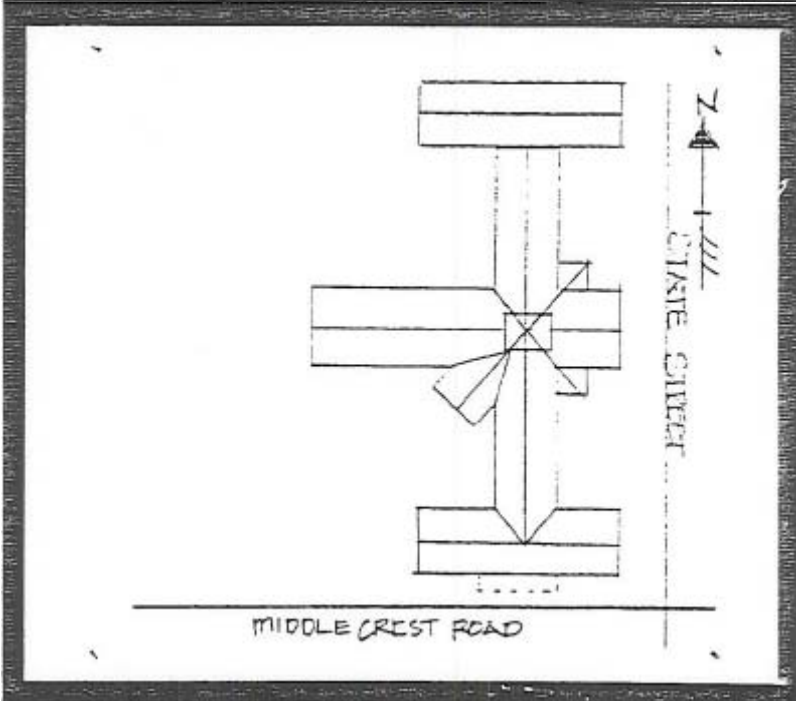
SHPO #: 365

DATE: January 1989

FIELD #: 151

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ADDRESS 368 S. STATE STREET
TAXMAP/LOT 2S 1E 10AD/10400
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Address: 368 South State Street

Historic Name: Oswego Grammar School/Lakewood Grade School

Originally the Oswego Grammar School, this Classic Revival style building was constructed in 1927-28. The architect was L. L. Dougan. Today the building houses the Lake Oswego Community Theatre (LOCT) and the Lakewood Center for the Arts, established in 1980. For many years local residents referred to the Oswego Grammar School as the "new school". It was later renamed Lakewood School. Burgit A. rose served as principal with staff of eight teachers.

The Lake Oswego Community Theatre was established in 1953. For the first nine years the group performed at area schools and the Odd Fellows Hall. In 1961 they purchased the old Methodist Church on Greenwood Road, staging over 110 productions in that location. When the Lakewood School became available in 1979 and LOCT organized a fund drive to purchase the building. The Lakewood Center for the Arts, an umbrella organization which included the Lake Oswego Community Theatre, was created. Since 1980 the Center has built a Children's Theatre and a regular theatre, and offers two galleries, classes and a meeting room.

Lakewood Center is an excellent example of the Classical Revival style, a popular style for public buildings during this period. Characteristic elements include bilateral symmetry, prominent entrance and classically inspired features. The entrance is composed of a pedimented gable, Tuscan columns, and paired paneled doors and fanlight with keystone. The handsome belvedere, quoins, and niches further enhance the composition of this building.

Alterations have been made to the rear elevation, however, they changes do not seriously detract from the overall integrity of the building. The Lakewood School building is significant architecturally and for its longtime association with education in Oswego.

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