

Algona Junior and Senior High School Building and High School Building Annex

The Algona Junior and Senior High School Building, along with its annex building, are two notable historic structures located in Algona, Iowa. Initially constructed in 1931, the building served as Algona High School for almost 40 years until a new high school was built in 1970. The annex building was constructed in 1951 on the corner of South Harlan and East Nebraska Streets. After the new high school was built, the buildings were repurposed as a middle school, which operated until 2008. In recognition of their architectural style and historical significance, both buildings were jointly added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2014. The Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers & Thomas architectural firm designed the building in the Neoclassical style. The building was designed to incorporate the growing popularity of extracurricular activities, such as sports and theater, as well as the trend towards multi-functional areas, such as gym/cafeterias and library/study halls. Additionally, the design aimed to embrace the progressive education movement, which emphasized hands-on learning for subjects like science, commercial education, manual training, and domestic science ([Wikipedia](#)).



Figure 1: Algona High School
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