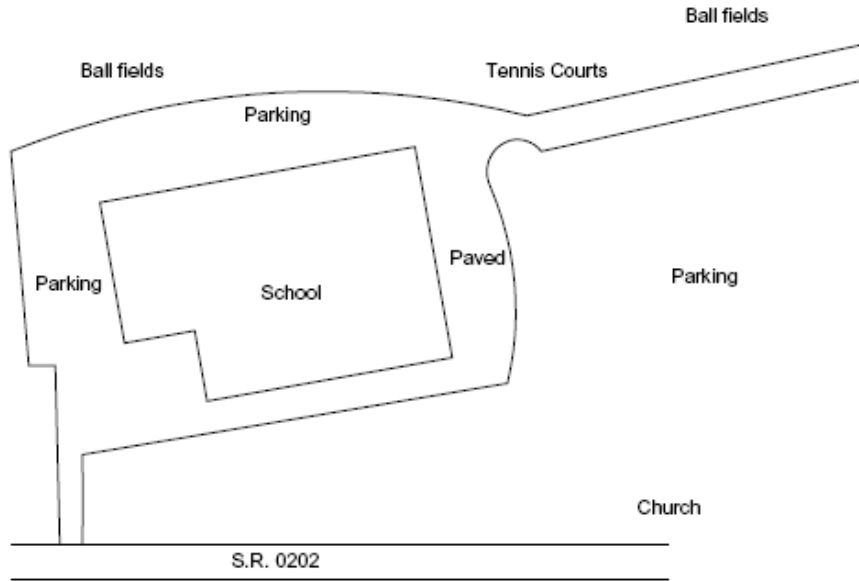
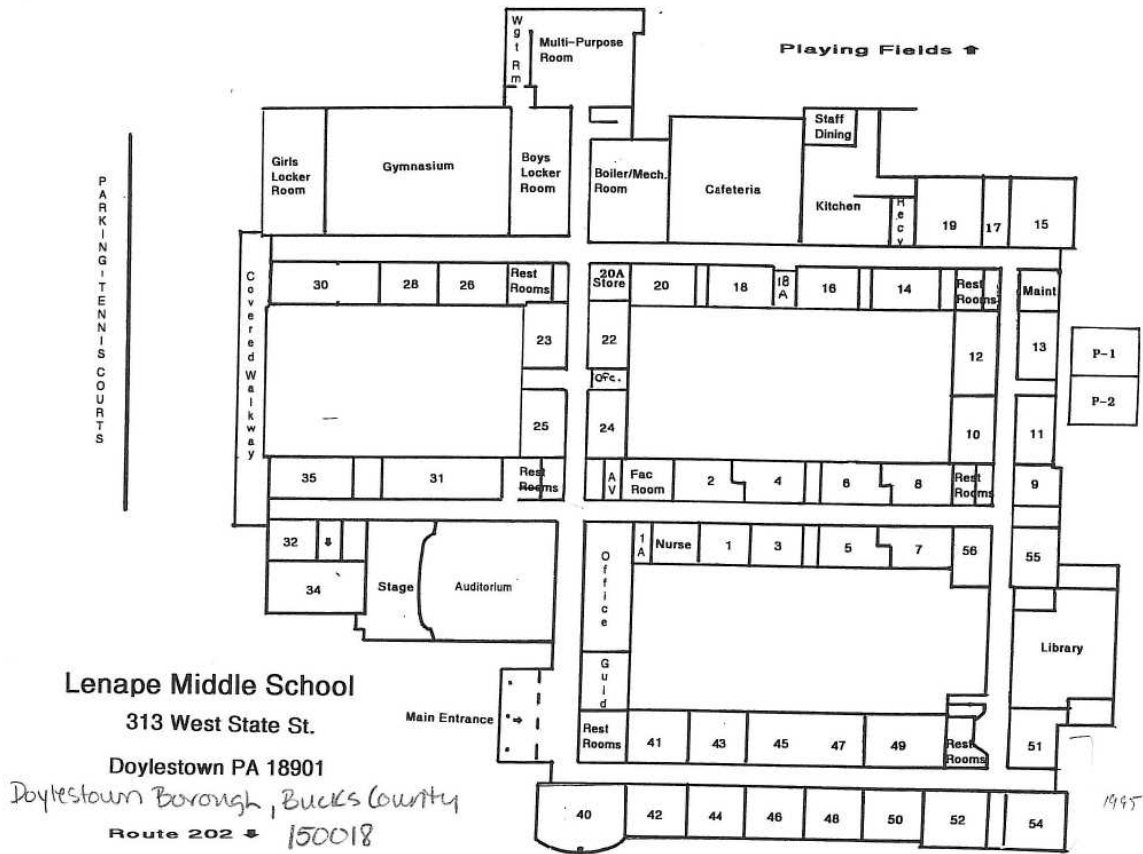


150018 – Lenape Middle School





Site Plan of Lenape Middle School



Floor Plan of Lenape Middle School

150018; Lenape Middle School. This school is located at 3213 West State Street, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, in Doylestown Borough, Bucks County. It is part of the Central Bucks School District. The 1957 building is located at the bottom of a slight hill, separated from West State Street (S.R. 0202) by an open field. Paved parking areas are located at the southwest and northwest sides of the school, connected by a driveway that provides access from both West State Street and North West Street and circles around the building. One parking area, southwest of the building, contains tennis courts. Additional parking areas are located along the northwest side of the building. The school also utilizes a parking area shared with an adjacent church. Extensive sports fields are located northwest and northeast of the school. These include baseball, field hockey, soccer, football and softball fields. Some are shared with the Doylestown Athletic Association, which maintains a modern garage on the property. Landscaped lawns with scattered trees and bushes are also on the property. A landscaped circle is located at the front entrance. Large interior courtyards feature gardens. A walking path traverses the school property. It extends beyond the school and is used by walkers associated with a nearby hospital and other community members.

The 1957 core of the school is arranged in a "figure-8" plan around two large courtyards. A 1995 addition created a third "hollow" section with a courtyard. The school has interior hallways, with classroom windows opening to the interior courtyards. A gymnasium and cafeteria are located along the northwest side of the building. An auditorium is located on the southeast side. The addition is also located on the southeast side. The core is a one-story concrete-block structure clad in brick. It sits on a concrete foundation. Built-up tar covers the flat roof of the core. The building has a brick chimney. The main entrance contains a wall of aluminum-frame glass doors surrounded by fixed windows. A one-story flat-roof overhang supported by round columns shelters the entrance. A one-story flat-roof overhang supported by metal posts extends along the southwest side of the school as a bus shelter. The building is lit by original aluminum hopper and picture windows. The 1995 addition added an interior hallway with classrooms, and a third courtyard, to the southeast side of the school. Its construction is similar to the original structure. The addition is lit by fixed and awning windows, and its roof is covered with rubber membrane. An auxiliary gymnasium was also constructed at about this time. It extends from the northwest side of the school. Two modular classrooms, ca. 2001, are located on the northeast side of the building.

The school's hallways feature terrazzo tile floors, glazed concrete-block walls, inset display cases, acoustic ceiling tiles, fluorescent lights, skylights, water fountains, lockers, and inset wood pane-and-panel doors with corrugated glass sidelights. The building was built to conform to existing natural grades; therefore, hallways are partially sloped with ramps to accommodate the landscape. Classrooms feature asphalt-tile floors, hanging fluorescent light fixtures, concrete-block walls, and ceiling fans purchased through a parent fundraiser. The cafeteria features concrete-block walls, vinyl floor tiles, acoustic ceiling tiles, hanging fluorescent lights, and folding tables and chairs. A mosaic decorates one wall. The main

gymnasium features brick and concrete-block walls, a wood floor, original wood bleachers, mostly original suspended basketball hoops, and is lit by corrugated glass and hopper windows. The auditorium was renovated in 1995. In addition to the original wood stage, it has newer seats, carpeting, and acoustic system. The library was also renovated in 1995. It features concrete-block walls, carpeting, acoustic ceiling tiles, wood shelves and a new TV studio. Specialized classrooms include, or have included, science labs, home economics/sewing room, industrial arts, computer labs, art rooms with a kiln, music rooms, computer lab for CAD and architectural design (converted from print shop), and technology lab for study of engineering, robotics, and transportation (converted from metal shop).

Lenape Junior High School was constructed in 1957 as the first junior high school in the consolidated Central Bucks School District, to accommodate expanding enrollment numbers in Central Bucks High School. The school is one of five junior high schools constructed in the district, all with Native American names. Subsequently, the school was changed from a junior high school to a middle school. The school was constructed on open land on the outskirts of Doylestown Borough. Most students arrived at the school via a fleet of school buses from surrounding municipalities. Construction and renovation activities occurred in 1995. A home economics classroom was renovated in 2000. Two modular classrooms were added to the property ca. 2001. Despite being constructed as a consolidated school outside of the developed area of Doylestown, the school's connection to the local community is evident in the use of the building and grounds, such as community concerts, athletic association sports events, shared parking area with an adjacent church, and community walking path.

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Historical information provided by Lenape Junior High School.

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Aerial View of Lenape Middle School

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