

# 150045 – Kittanning Township Elementary School





150045; Kittanning Township Elementary School. This school is located at 598 Silvis Hollow Road, Kittanning, Pennsylvania in Kittanning Township, Armstrong County. It is part of the Armstrong School District. The 1955 school building is separated from Silvis Hollow Road by an elongated circular driveway and grassy island that were extended in length ca. 1972. Paved parking lots are located on the east and west sides of the school. The western lot is a maintenance lot that extends around to the rear of the school. The larger eastern parking lot likely dates to ca. 1972. A baseball field, a paved basketball/kickball court, a pavilion, and assorted playground areas are located south and southeast of the school. Southwest of the school building is open field. A student-maintained garden is located in an interior courtyard located within a 1972 addition. A kindergarten playground enclosed by a low brick wall is located at the northeast corner of the school.

The 1955 core of the school is arranged along a single linear interior hallway with classrooms on either side. A large L-plan addition constructed 1972 is appended to the eastern end of the core, forming a T-plan school. The addition contains additional classrooms, music rooms, a multi-purpose room, and an interior courtyard. The core is a one-story concrete structure clad in brick. The foundation is obscured. Rubber membrane covers the flat roof. The original main entrance to the school was located at the western end of the core. It contains one set of metal-frame multi-pane glass double doors flanked by multi-pane sidelights. This entrance is inset and sheltered by a steel portico. The core is lit by multi-pane fixed and hopper windows. The 1972 addition is also a one-story brick-clad structure with a flat roof. The current main entrance is located in the addition. It contains two sets of metal-frame glass double doors surrounded by fixed windows. This entrance is inset and sheltered under the roofline of the addition. An interior brick chimney is located in the addition. The addition is lit by metal-frame picture and hopper windows. The window bays are smaller and spaced further apart in the addition as compared to the core.

A second set of double doors forms a vestibule in the school's current main entryway. The main lobby features terrazzo floor tiles, brick walls, acoustic ceiling tiles, fluorescent lights, and an inset display case. The hallway of the original section of the school features decorative floor tiles, plaster and glazed brick or tiled walls, and multi-pane wood classroom doors. The multi-purpose room in the addition features concrete-block walls, vinyl floor tiles, acoustic ceiling tiles, fluorescent lights, rollaway bleachers, and suspended basketball hoops. Specialized classrooms include, or have included, music rooms, a computer room, and a life sciences room.

Kittanning Township School was constructed in 1955 on 5.4 acres of land purchased by the Elderton Joint School District on October 6, 1952. The land was purchased from farmer C. Kenneth Moore. In June 1970, in order to house students in additional grades, the Township seized 12.89 additional acres from Moore with the intention of constructing a major addition to the school building. The Armstrong School District (Elderton Joint School District became part of the Armstrong School District) initiated the 1972 construction project. The 1972 addition, which more than doubled the size of the school, included a multi-purpose room and an interior courtyard. The Township returned 2.5 acres of the seized land to Moore.

United States Department of Agriculture

1958 Aerial Photograph ASJ-3V-36. Created on September 22, 1958. On file at the Pennsylvania State Archives, Record Group 31, Records of the Department of Commerce, State Planning Board Collection.

United States Geological Survey

1993 *Mosgrove SW, PA Aerial Photograph*. USGS Reference Number a 40079-G4-04-PHT. Created on April 11, 1993.

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*Aerial View of Kittanning Township Elementary*

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