

# Maple School

**244 E. Valencia Drive**

**1924; reconstructed in 1936**

**WPA Moderne**

**Status: Unrecognized  
Significant Property**



Originally constructed in 1920s, the Maple School was severely damaged by the 1933 earthquake. The school was reconstructed with CWA/WPA assistance in 1936, with bulky, horizontal forms that are characteristic of Depression-era institutional architecture, termed WPA Moderne. Block-like in appearance, the building has very little decoration or detail. Entrances on the north, east and west sides have ribbed relief; otherwise, the exterior lacks detailing except for the break-up of mass by a structured jogging of the building footprint.

The property has become a key institutional facility for the largely Latino neighborhood that is located south of the railroad tracts. In response to this neighborhood's request, improvements and additional classrooms were completed in the late 1990s to once again use the property for a full elementary school program.