

City of Eau Claire



Landmark Commission

Second Ward School
(Boyd Elementary School)
1105 Main Street
1916-17; 1929, Collegiate Gothic



Eau Claire architect Edward Hancock designed the Second Ward School and a matching 1929 addition. Hancock was born in England in 1889 and immigrated as a boy to the United States. He moved to Eau Claire in 1915 and designed a number of landmark properties such as the Masonic Temple, the commercial block at 403 South Barstow Street, two homes within the Third Ward Neighborhood and the Eau Claire Senior High School. The school was renamed Boyd Elementary School in 1951 recognizing Robert Boyd, a realtor and city councilman who donated the land to the north for Boyd Playground.

The building is a fully developed example of the Collegiate Gothic style including a brick finish accented with stone, parapets, towered keep-like entrance and ornamentation such as the stone quoining, patera, classical moldings and human faced grotesques.

The school closed in the spring of 2002 and was converted into apartments.