

City of Eau Claire



Landmark Commission

Eau Claire Senior High School

314 Doty Street
1925 Collegiate Gothic



The Eau Claire Senior High School was designed by Edward Hancock, a local architect, who also designed the former Boyd School in the same style. The massive high school building is highlighted by the main entrance, which is treated as a medieval “keep.” For many years, its hallways were the sites of lively after-school dances.

The construction in Eau Claire of a new, modern, and visually impressive high school in 1925 reflected the large growth in enrollment and elaboration of curriculum, which characterized secondary education in the United States in the first half of the twentieth century. By 1939 most eighteen-year-olds graduated from high school, and Eau Claire Senior High School enrolled 1,850 pupils. It served as the city’s only high school until 1957 and as a junior high school until 1982. It was renamed Central Junior High School in 1962. In 1982, the building was converted to administrative offices and storage space for the Eau Claire Area School District