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<u>Name</u> Historic Columbia High School	Location 1323 Washington Street
Common	Classification Building

Owner Richland County  
c/o Richland County School District 1  
1616 Richland Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Representation in Existing Surveys

Description: The Columbia High School was constructed in 1915 according to the design of Urquhart and Johnson, Architects of Columbia. Designed in what the architects described as the "Collegiate Italian Renaissance" style, the building is three-story brick structure, surmounted by an ornamental stone balustrade. A deep belt of stone extends around the base of the building and a stone stringcourse delineates the division between the first and second floors. Another stringcourse of stone with ornamental garlands combines with a brick blind arcade to highlight the third story.

The front facade of the building is broken into five bays, with the central and two end bays projecting slightly from the plane of the facade. The main entrance to the building is located in an arcaded recessed gallery located on the second floor of the front facade. This entrance is reached by two flights of granite steps.

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Significance: Columbia High School is located on land which has historically been linked with education in Columbia as it is situated on the site of the Columbia Female Academy, an institution founded in the 1820s, which served Columbia until 1883 when it was absorbed into the public school system. Significant as a notable example of "Italian Renaissance" architecture, the Columbia High School building was designed in 1915 by Urquhart and Johnson, Architects of Columbia. Constructed to serve as a high school for the downtown residential areas, Columbia High School was for many years the only major public high school located in downtown Columbia.

Acreage 1.46 acresVerbal Boundary Description TMS 27-01-02; running 354' along Marion Street and 258' along Washington StreetUTM Reference Point Columbia North 17/497000/3762500Other Information

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Other notable features of the building include stone insets and rondelles, and projecting side entrances with double arched windows.