

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Baskin High School Building is located north of La. Hwy. 857 near the outskirts of the crossroads village of Baskin. The symmetrical 2 story brick building has a central concentric multiple arched entrance set in a protruding parapet pavilion. The main block consists of 11 bays with 9 over 9 sash windows. The ends of the building feature protruding pavilions with 4 windows grouped together on each floor. A hallway runs from end to end of the building terminating in a staircase at each end. To the rear is a 2 story auditorium with large arched windows and an upper gallery. All of the interior detailing remains, including the transomed doors, pressed tin coffered ceilings, and chair rails. Noteworthy exterior detailing includes the terra cotta trimmed parapet, jack arch keystones, and ornamental tiles set in bands of brick.

Specific dates 1925-1926
Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)
Criteria A and C

The Baskin High School Building is locally significant in the area of architecture as Baskin's most pretentious and monumental structure. Virtually all other buildings in Baskin are unpretentious, one-story frame structures with little noteworthy detail.

The Baskin High School Building is locally significant in the areas of social/humanitarian and politics/government because it has been a community focal point for the village of Baskin since its construction. In addition to being an educational facility, it has served as the public gathering place for the community for over 50 years. Important community functions held there include political gathering, traveling road shows, public lectures, music recitals, school plays, talent shows, etc.

Major Bibliographical References

Historical Sketch of Baskin High School Building Prepared by Applicants, Located in Baskin High School Building National Register File, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office, Baton Rouge.