

CT- 1255

CALVERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

(1941; numerous additions)

Prince Frederick

Public

This school building was originally built as a junior-senior high school. After the completion of Calvert Senior High School, it became a middle school and remains so today. Typical of a school with changing uses and increased enrollment, the building sprawls, with a complicated floor plan resulting from a variety of additions and alterations. No common architectural style unites the building.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Calvert Middle School (CT-<sup>v</sup> ) <sup>(255)</sup>

a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore

c) Chronological/Developmental Period:

Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

d) Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): school

Known Design Source: none

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CT- 1255

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name

historic Calvert Middle School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 435 Solomons Island Road North not for publication

city, town Prince Frederick vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Board of Education of Calvert County

street & number 1305 Dares Beach Road telephone no.: 410-535-1700

city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code MD 20678-4208

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office liber AAH 27 AAH 97

street & number 175 Main Street folio 251 197

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Calvert Middle School is located on a 14-acre site between Maryland Route 2/4 (Solomons Island Road) and Armory Road in Prince Frederick, Maryland. A driveway extends off Route 2/4 to the front of the school. A large parking area is located east of the school, and athletic fields are located north and south of the school.

The two-story, brick, concrete block and steel-framed school incorporates sections constructed at five different times. The total floor area of the school is 72,575 square feet and includes 25 classrooms. As would be expected considering the additive nature of construction, there is no common architectural style for the entire building.

The formal facade of the large building faces Maryland Routes 2/4. It consists of a tall, central, two-story brick block, flanked by lower, two-story brick blocks. The central block contains the formal main entrance to the school set within a central recessed area defined by pilasters. The flanking brick blocks are given interest by the striations in the brickwork. These blocks are fenestrated by a single-light casement and fixed windows. The south side wall of the south block contains a slightly projecting central entrance bay. The first story of this bay contains two-leaf, single-light steel doors. These doors are surmounted by plate glass windows that apparently provide illumination for a stairwell. The rear walls of the flanking blocks are fenestrated by ribbons of steel-framed transom windows, surmounted by large, fixed, steel-framed windows.

A rectangular, two-story brick block extends to the rear of the central block along the south side of the parking lot. A tall incinerator chimney, square in section, adjoins the junction of the main block and the rear block. A series of single story additions provided the space needed to accommodate the growth of the school. At the north end of the building, a single and two-story, flat-roofed addition has bays defined by brick pilasters. Portions of the facade are recessed to provide sheltered access to the interior of the building. The roof projects a significant distance from the wall plane of this block, and the steel roof framing is visible.

A single story addition to the south end of the building has unornamented wall planes, pierced by steel-framed transom windows surmounted by large, fixed, single light windows. This block appears to be the most recent addition to the building. Additional classroom space has been provided by portable classrooms, located to the north of the school.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1941	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
	Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local

The earliest portion of the school was constructed in 1941. Additions to the school were made in 1947, 1960, 1973, and 1974.

The original portion of the school was constructed as the third home of a high school in Prince Frederick. The first high school, now the Prince Frederick Masonic Hall, was completed in 1921. In 1932, Calvert County High School was relocated to a building later used by the Prince Frederick Elementary School.

In 1947, a contract was awarded for the construction of the third Calvert County High School Building, and the building was occupied in 1949. On April 2, 1959, the Joint-Action School Building Committee for Calvert County adopted a building program that included an addition to the Calvert County Junior-Senior High School and construction of a new Senior High School. In June of the same year, the firm of Rogers, Taliaferro, and Lamb was selected as architects for both the addition and the new school. On November 13, a contract was awarded for construction of an addition, and the joint committee unanimously approved the purchase of the 165-acre Mohler farm as a new high school site.

The addition to the Calvert County Junior-Senior High School was completed in the Fall of 1960. In September 1962, the first portion (Buildings A and B) of the new Calvert Senior High School became available for use. In the same month, Beach Junior High School [Chesapeake Beach] was officially closed, and the Calvert County Junior High School was officially established to accommodate all students in grades 6 through 8 in the county.

Calvert Middle School is a typical school in a growing county. Originally established with a formal facade and symmetrical plan, the original symmetry and common architectural language has given way to a series of unrelated additions, built to accommodate the need for more classrooms. As a typical secondary school of its period, the school lacks architectural significance.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Calvert County School Facilities Master Plan. 1995  
Calvert Senior High School Dedication Program. In vertical file. Calvert County Public Library.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 14.14 acres

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References **do NOT** complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 24, Parcel 477. This parcel includes all of the land historically associated with the school.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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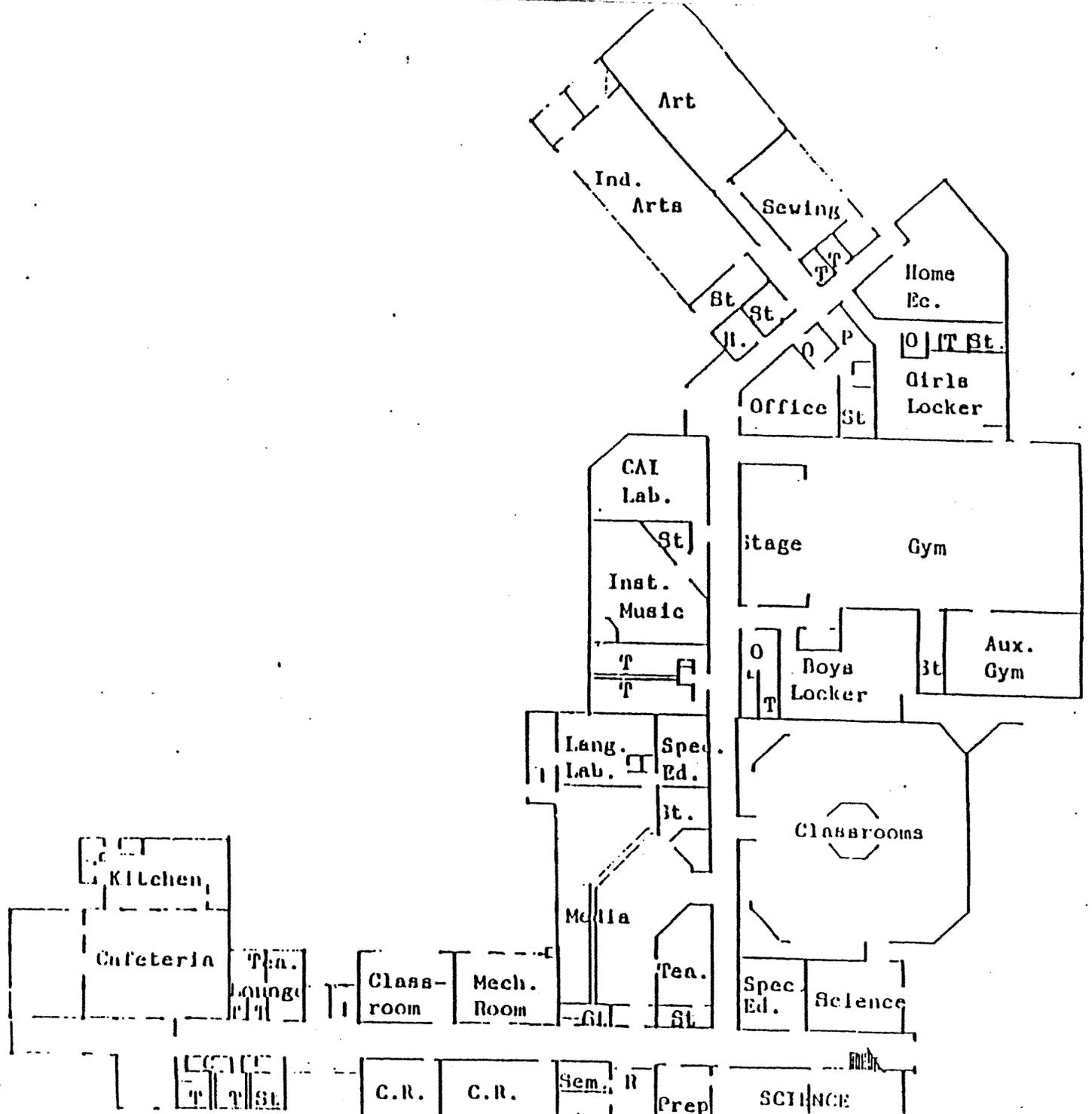
city or town Philadelphia state PA

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Calvert Middle School  
Floor Plan



FIRST FLOOR

CA-1255

Calvert Middle School  
Prince Frederick  
Prince Frederick quad  
CT-1255

Brooks  
High Sch

Wesley  
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PRINCE FREDERICK

St Pauls  
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EDEN CYPRESS SWAMP  
COUNTY SANCTUARY

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Calvert Middle School

Calvert Maryland

Dennis Meiser

1988

Kingland St

10000 and Forest Road

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Calvert Middle School

Calvert, Maryland

Large room

May 1988

Maryland State

Historic, scenic, and educational site

etc.



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Calver's Prose School

Frederick, Md.

May 1902

Maryland State

General views on the educational system of the State

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