

Fruitdale School



The Fruitdale Grade School, located at 10801 W. 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge, is locally significant for education due to its association with the Fruitdale and later Wheat Ridge area children as the only school serving the community from 1927 until its closure in 1978. The school is also significant under social history as the primary gathering space for the Fruitdale community.

Fruitdale Grade School is locally significant as a good local example of an Art Deco style as applied to a school building and designed by well-known Denver architect Temple Buell. Character-defining features include zigzag brickwork on the cornice and in the brick detailing above the entrance doors, detailed basket-weave brickwork separating the first and second story windows, and the multiple-pane windows. A small 1954 one-story addition to the west is also significant as an example of a mid-century school with elements of the Prairie and International Styles.

The Fruitdale School was added to the National Register of Historic Places on March 20, 2013.

