

United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Rosenwald Felts School

Other names/site number: DHR File # 113-5041

Name of related multiple property listing: Rosenwald Schools in Virginia (012-5041)

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 105 Rosenwald Felts Drive

City or town: Galax State: VA County: Independent City

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A B C D

<p>_____ Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources</u> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
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<p>In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.</p>	
<p>_____ Signature of commenting official:</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
<p>Title :</p>	<p>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION/school

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION/school

SOCIAL/civic

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER - Rosenwald Two Teacher Community School Plan (Plan No. 20)

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: BRICK, STONE, METAL

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Rosenwald Felts School occupies an approximately seven-acre parcel on a rolling hillside on the east side of the City of Galax, Virginia, adjoining a neighborhood of low-density single-family homes. The original one-story section was constructed of brick masonry on a stone foundation in 1926 utilizing a Two Teacher Community School Plan (Floor Plan No. 20) published by the Rosenwald Fund. A large, rectangular addition was constructed in 1956, wrapping completely around the east and south sides and a portion of the north side of the original building. The building is in good condition, and the form, materials, and fenestration patterns of the original Rosenwald school remain fully evident on the west elevation. The two large classroom spaces stipulated by the two-teacher Rosenwald floor plan likewise remain largely intact on the interior. The Rosenwald Felts School retains integrity of location and setting, continuing to occupy its original acreage in a largely rural, wooded area east of downtown Galax. The parcel includes a paved parking lot, a playground, a basketball court, and small metal sheds associated with the current use of the building as a community center and home to the local Head Start program.

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Narrative Description

The original section of the Rosenwald Felts School was constructed in 1926 with local and Rosenwald Fund resources totaling \$4,500. The building utilized a Rosenwald Two Teacher Community School Plan (Plan No. 20). (See illustrative material in Section 8 excerpted from the *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Listing Nomination*, DHR # 012-5041.)

The original section of the Rosenwald Felts School is of brick masonry construction on a stone foundation. It is covered by a metal roof with a side-gable configuration in keeping with the Rosenwald Two Teacher Community School Plan. Only the windows on the west-facing façade remain from this original section due to the 1956 addition to the building (see description of addition below). These windows are large one-over-one, double-hung vinyl replacement windows with top lights situated within the original window frames. The windows are arranged in four sets of three. There are two classrooms in the original building with transoms over the entrance doors leading from the central hallway.

A large masonry addition to the building was constructed in 1956. The addition sits on a brick and concrete foundation and is clad in stretcher bond brick veneer and covered by a flat, built-up roof. With the addition, a central hallway running the length of the building north to south was added to the interior plan. The hallway has walls constructed of masonry brick and concrete block, a plaster ceiling, and vinyl tile flooring. The two original classrooms remain to the west of the hallway and have plaster walls, drop ceilings, a combination of carpet and laminate flooring, and transoms over the entrance doors. Where the addition wraps around the original building on the north, there is a bathroom entered from the hallway. Where the addition wraps around the original building to the south, there is an additional restroom entered from the hallway and a storage room entered from the southern-most classroom.

Within the addition, two classrooms were added to the building east of the hallway, with the southern-most classroom serving as an auditorium/cafeteria with a stage attached to its north end (an area now used as an office). These classrooms have concrete block walls, plaster ceilings, a combination of carpet and laminate flooring, and transoms over the entrance doors. In the southeast corner of the addition is a small kitchen with an entrance and two serving windows facing the hallway.

The east-facing facade of the addition has large one-over-one vinyl replacement windows in two-bay-wide and three-bay-wide configurations. These windows feature larger top lights and undersized applied shutters.

The north-facing facade of the addition has one set of recessed double exterior, one-light doors with crash bar hardware and associated transom window (likely replacements of the original) leading to steps approximately 1/3-story above grade, two small one-over-one vinyl replacement windows in the bathroom, and a chimney associated with the heating system for the building.

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The south-facing façade of the addition includes the main entrance, which features recessed double exterior, one-light doors (with nine multi-light vinyl dividers) with crash bar hardware and an associated transom window. This façade has two additional solid recessed doors that enter the kitchen area. The kitchen has smaller one-over-one vinyl replacement windows with shutters, one on the eastern façade, the other the southern façade. The restroom and storage area attached to the southern-most classroom in the original building each have smaller one-over-one vinyl replacement windows with shutters. The exterior entrances on this façade are accessed via a wood deck level with the doors, steps, and a ramp approximately 1/3-story above grade. The building is in good condition.

There are no historic secondary resources on the property.

Integrity Analysis

The Rosenwald Felts School retains a high degree of integrity of location and setting, occupying its original site on an approximately seven-acre parcel east of downtown Galax. The relatively rural setting of the school remains largely intact, with surrounding development consisting of low-density residential development interspersed with wooded areas and green space. While the integrity of the school's Rosenwald design, materials, and workmanship have been diminished by the large mid-20th century addition surrounding it on three sides, the overall form and brick masonry construction of the original building are still evident on the west elevation. Despite the replacement of original windows, the characteristic fenestration pattern of the Rosenwald plan also remains intact. Given the building's continued use as a community center and educational facility, the original classroom spaces stipulated by the Rosenwald plan remain largely intact and programmatically linked to the 1956 addition, which itself reflects the school's continued evolution and importance to the East Galax community three decades after its original construction. Along with the retention of location and setting, this functional continuity provides a moderate degree of integrity of feeling and association dating to the period of significance.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ETHNIC HERITAGE – BLACK

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1926 - 1969

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Persons

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Smith, Samuel L.

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Rosenwald Felts School is nominated under the *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia* Multiple Property Documentation Form and meets the registration requirements for significance at the local level under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Ethnic Heritage: Black. According to a statewide survey of Rosenwald schools conducted by Preservation Virginia, the Rosenwald Felts School is the only Rosenwald-funded school constructed in Galax, with only one other school, now demolished, built in surrounding Carroll and Grayson counties. The period of significance extends from 1926 to 1969, spanning the period from the school's construction until its closure. The Rosenwald Felts School was constructed in 1926 using a "two-teacher" standard plan developed by architect Samuel L. Smith and published in the Rosenwald Fund's *Community School Plans*. Built in East Galax, a mostly segregated community at the time, the school was born from community activism and completed using local dollars, funds from the Rosenwald Fund, and land donated by Thomas Lafayette Felts, the White co-owner of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. The Rosenwald Felts School educated African American children in Galax through the ninth grade and was at times referred to as the Rosenwald-Felts Junior High School. Additionally, the school became a social hub of the African American community in Galax and the surrounding area, even hosting a meeting of former slaves in 1937. As the school continued to grow and prosper, a major addition to the building was completed in 1956, more than doubling its size from the original Rosenwald configuration. Among the school's alumni is Willie T. Greene, Sr., the first African American to serve on Galax City Council and as Mayor of Galax. Alumnus Helen Kyle was the first African American woman to serve on Galax City Council and the first African American appointed to the Galax School Board. As enrollment dwindled following the integration of Galax city schools in 1960, the Rosenwald Felts Community Center was formed in 1967, reflecting the school's continued importance to the local African American community. The Rosenwald Felts School closed at the end of the 1968-1969 academic year; today the building continues to serve as a community center and houses the local Head Start educational program.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Ethnic Heritage: Black

According to the *Rosenwald Schools of Virginia Multiple Property Listing* Nomination (DHR File # 012-5041) the Rosenwald Schools in Virginia are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under two Areas of Significance under Criteria A: Ethnic Heritage-Black and Education.

As with all Rosenwald Schools, it took a strong community effort to pull together the resources to construct the Rosenwald Felts School. A Parent Teacher Association began meeting in 1924 before the school was opened to conduct fundraisers to gather the funds needed to construct the

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school. Perhaps unlike other Rosenwald Schools, the local school board was very supportive of the efforts to construct and operate the Rosenwald Felts School. Mr. Felts, Mr. J. Lee Cox, the Galax School Superintendent, and Town Council members Charles P. Warren, Emmett Cox, and Shelby Vass, Sr. were instrumental in obtaining local funding and funding from the Rosenwald Fund.¹ (Note: Though Galax was a Town on the line between Grayson and Carroll County, Virginia, at the time of the construction of the Rosenwald Felts School and did not become an Independent City until December 6, 1953, it did have its own Town school system and school board separate from its neighboring counties.)

After much effort, the Rosenwald Felts School was constructed for \$4,500 in 1926 with \$700 from the Rosenwald Fund, \$500 from the local African American community, \$2,650 from public funds, and \$500 from Mr. Thomas Lafayette Felts, a White gentleman and co-owner of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. Additionally, Mr. Felts, for whom the school was co-named, donated the land for the school. The school utilized the Rosenwald Two Teacher Community School Plan (Plan No. 20) and was constructed of brick masonry instead of the more typical frame construction utilized for Rosenwald-funded schools.

The original building has survived in good condition, though heavily altered by a large addition constructed in 1956.^{2,3} The addition included two more classrooms, modern restrooms, a kitchen, a central hallway, and other amenities typical of a school of that era and allowed the school to offer additional grades. This addition extended Rosenwald Felts School's usefulness as a segregated school until the Galax City Schools were desegregated in the late 1960s and made it possible for the building to continue to be used as a community center past its closing as a school in 1969.⁴

In addition to serving its educational purpose, the Rosenwald Felts School was truly the center of social and community activity for the Galax African American community from 1926 to 1969 within the context of a very segregated Virginia. One of the more unique community events ever held at the Rosenwald Felts School was the "Old Slaves" meeting on November 18, 1937, which was chronicled in an article in the November 18, 1937, edition of the Galax Gazette.⁵ At the meeting ex-slaves from various areas met at the school for lectures and songs. Money was raised and divided evenly among the ex-slaves in attendance.

Today, the Rosenwald Felts Community Center is home to the local Head Start program. This ongoing use has engendered the ongoing maintenance of the building.

¹ *Rosenwald-Felts School, Then and Now, 1926-1966*. A locally published annual of the Rosenwald Felts School. 1966.

² *Rosenwald Felts Preliminary Information Form*. DHR File #113-5041. December 12, 2022. Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

³ *Galax Gazette*: November 12, 1956 (v.81 iss.90); November 22, 1956 (v.81 iss.93).

⁴ *Galax Gazette* January 21, 1987 (v.110 iss.9).

⁵ *Galax Gazette* November 18, 1937 (v.61 iss.91).

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Education

The Rosenwald Felts School educated African American children in Galax City through the ninth grade and was at times referred to as the Rosenwald-Felts Junior High School. It had a school motto of “A Better World, through Education.”⁶

As examples of the educational impact of the Rosenwald Felts School, the story of two Rosenwald Felts School alumni and influential Galax residents are outlined below:

- **Greene, Willie T., Sr.**, was the first African American elected to the Galax City Council in 1994. He has continued to serve on the City Council since that date and was elected Mayor by his peers in 2020, following a mayor who served in the role for 30 years. Mr. Greene’s term as Mayor ends in 2025. Mr. Greene has also been a volunteer firefighter for the Galax Fire Department since 1985, being the first African American to join the squad. Mr. Greene was elected as President of the Virginia Municipal League for the 2020-2021 term. Mr. Greene has served in important positions at the state level as well. He was on the Virginia Board of Social Services for 8 years, serving as Vice Chair for 2 years and Chair for 2 years; the Virginia Board of Social Work for 8 years; and is currently serving on the Executive Council for the Virginia Office of Children’s Services. Mr. Greene is also Chair of the Mt. Rogers (VA) Planning District Commission and serves on the Twin County (Galax, Carroll County, & Grayson County, VA) Airport Commission.^{7,8}
- **Kyle, Helen**, was the first African American woman to serve on the Galax City Council, serving from 2004 to 2008. Ms. Kyle was the first African American appointed to the Galax City School Board, serving from July 2009 through June 2018. Ms. Kyle was the first African American member of the Board of Directors for the Twin County Community Foundation Board (now Twin County Foundation). Ms. Kyle is the current Chairman of the Galax Democratic Committee.⁹

African American children seeking a high school education were allowed to enroll in Galax High School beginning in September of 1960. At that time, the Galax School Board allowed White students from nearby portions of Grayson County to attend Galax High School under a contract with the County, but not African American students in the same portions of the county. However, this changed as the result of a federal court case filed by eight African American students from the County. Judge John Paul of the United States District Court, Western District at Abingdon, ordered on September 8, 1960, that if the contract allowing Grayson County White students to attend Galax High School was continued, Galax would have to admit the African American students from Grayson County as well.¹⁰

⁶ *Rosenwald-Felts School, Then and Now, 1926-1966*. A locally published annual of the Rosenwald Felts School. 1966.

⁷ Bullington, Bob. *VML Goes Greene!* Virginia Town & Country (December 2020): Volume 15-No. 10.

⁸ *Greene, Willie T., Sr.* Email exchange with Craig A. Wilson on August 4, 2023.

⁹ *Kyle, Helen*. Telephone interview conducted by Craig A. Wilson on August 9, 2023.

¹⁰ *Goins v. County School Board of Grayson County*. Civ. A. No. 776 United States District Court, W.D. Virginia, at Abingdon. 186 F. Supp. 753 (W.D. Va. 1960). Decided Sep 8, 1960.

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Subsequently, Galax leaders cancelled the contract, meaning 285 Grayson County students would be turned away. At the same time, 590 of Galax High School's 598 students signed a petition to keep the Grayson County students, which because of the court order, would mean desegregating the school. Grayson County residents threatened to boycott Galax businesses. Local clergy united behind the effort. Within days, Galax High School was integrated.^{11,12}

As the balance of Galax's public schools integrated, the remaining Rosenwald Felts School students had a choice of attending those schools. With decreasing enrollment, the Rosenwald Felts School closed at the end of the 1968-1969 academic year.^{13,14}

Registration Requirements

Despite the impacts of mid-20th century alterations on its architectural integrity, the Rosenwald Felts School meets the registration requirements outlined in the *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Properties Document* for eligibility under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Ethnic Heritage: Black. The school was constructed in 1926 using \$700 provided by the Rosenwald Fund and continues to occupy its original seven-acre site in a largely rural setting east of downtown Galax. While the integrity of its two-teacher plan has been diminished by the large 1956 addition, the overall form, materials, and fenestration pattern from the original school remain partially evident. Additionally, the original classroom spaces remain largely intact due to the building's continued use as a community center and educational facility.

Architectural Context

Though the Rosenwald Felts School has had significant alterations over the years, its architecture can be tied to the history and architecture of the other Rosenwald Schools in Virginia. Per the *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Listing Nomination*, DHR # 012-5041, "the Rosenwald-funded schools varied in size from small one-teacher schools to large eleven-teacher facilities that offered instruction from first grade through high school. In the Fund's early years, wood-frame, one- and two-teacher schools were the most common. In later years, larger schools constructed of brick were built with greater frequency, though always in much smaller numbers than the wood-framed rural schools."¹⁵

Schools constructed using Rosenwald Funds were required to follow certain stipulations, including a minimum lot size of two acres as well as design and construction guidelines outlined in publications issued by the Fund.

¹¹ Wharam, F. Douglas, Jr. "Only a Matter of Time", *Christiansburg Institute and Desegregation in Southwestern Virginia: 1959-1960*. University of Virginia, May 2005.

¹² *Desegregation of Public Schools, Galax and Grayson County, 1959-1960*. WSLs-TV News Film Collection, 1951-1971, University of Virginia Library (explore.lib.virginia.edu).

¹³ *Galax Gazette* October 24, 1968 (v.92 iss.86).

¹⁴ *Galax Gazette* November 28, 1968 (v.92 iss.96).

¹⁵ *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Listing Nomination*. DHR File #012-5041. June 30, 2004.

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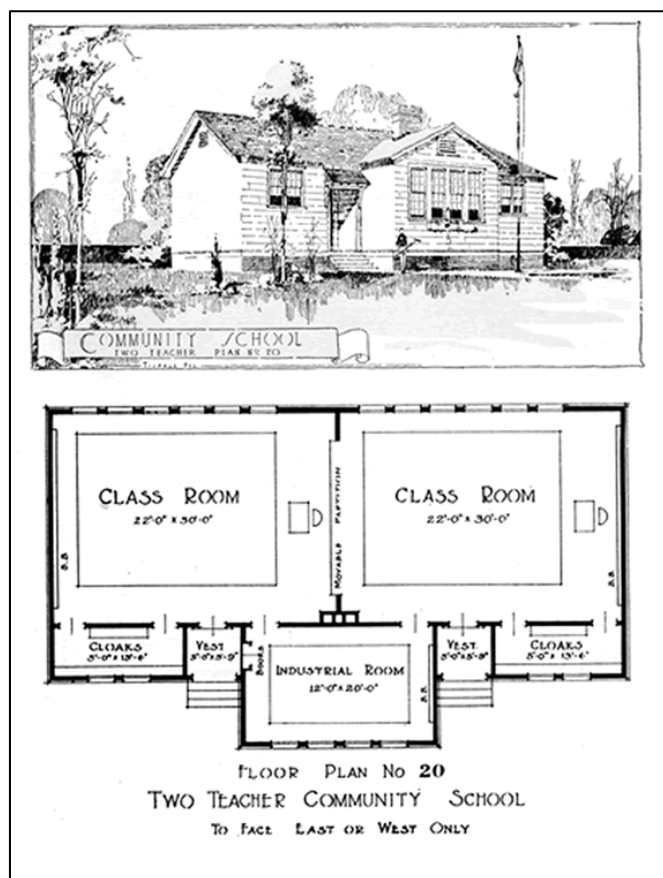
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Early Rosenwald buildings followed architectural plans produced by Robert R. Taylor and W.A. Hazel, both African American architecture professors at Tuskegee Institute. These designs were first published within a 1915 pamphlet titled “The Negro Rural School and Its Relation to the Community,” and included plans for a one-teacher school, two variations on a five-teacher school, an industrial building, a privy, and two homes for teachers.

In 1920, following the relocation of the school-building program to the new Rosenwald Fund office in Nashville, director Samuel L. Smith began developing new school plans that ranged in size from one to seven teachers and could be adapted to east-west or north-south orientations. These designs were subsequently published as *Community School Plans* in 1924. The publication also included Smith’s designs for privies, industrial buildings, and residences for teachers. The plans were eventually distributed by the Interstate School Building Service and reached an audience far beyond the South.



Excerpt from S. L. Smith’s *Community School Plans* included in the *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Listing Nomination*, DHR # 012-5041

Rosenwald schools are often defined by large banks of windows, an integral feature during a time when rural schools rarely had the benefit of electricity. Samuel Smith’s plans also optimized room dimensions, blackboard and desk placement, paint colors, and window shades to best capitalize on available daylight.¹⁶

The *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Listing Nomination* further states that Rosenwald schools were built in seventy-nine of Virginia’s ninety-five counties. Given that the overwhelming majority of Rosenwald schools were constructed to serve rural communities, virtually every rural county in Virginia had at least one Rosenwald school. One- and two-teacher plans were most utilized, with the smaller designs accounting for seventy percent of the Rosenwald schools built across the state. On average, twenty-four Rosenwald schools were built each year in Virginia between 1917 and 1932. The five-year period between 1922 and 1927 saw

¹⁶ *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Listing Nomination*. DHR File #012-5041. June 30, 2004.

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the most activity, with an average of thirty-seven schools constructed each year and a peak of forty-five schools constructed during 1923-24.¹⁷

The Rosenwald Felts School was constructed during the second most productive year of Rosenwald School construction in Virginia – 1926. It exhibits the characteristic east-west orientation and large banks of windows outlined in the architectural guidelines. It could have easily been constructed as a wood frame building and met the architectural guidelines, but it was likely built with brick because clay material/bricks were a readily available construction material in Southside and Southwest Virginia. Examples of other nearby brick Rosenwald Schools include the ca. 1930 Dry Bridge School in Martinsville (DHR ID 120-5034; VLR 2008, NRHP 2009) and the ca. 1930 Carver Price School in Appomattox (DHR ID 165-5003; VLR 2023, NRHP 2024).

¹⁷ *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Listing* Nomination. DHR File #012-5041. June 30, 2004.

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Dry Bridge School, Martinsville, VA
(Source: <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/120-5034/>, May 9, 2024)



Carver Price School, Appomattox, VA
(Source: <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/165-5003/>, May 9, 2024)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

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- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): DHR File # 113-5041;
DHR File # 012-5041 (Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Document)

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Approximately 7 Acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 36.669003 Longitude: -80.910853

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

1. Zone: Easting: Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

See Galax Rosenwald Felts Parcel Map

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary is the extent of the parcel of land on which the Galax Rosenwald Felts School is located and is the property owned by the City of Galax.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Rosenwald Felts School

City or Vicinity: City of Galax

County: N/A

State: VA

Photographer: Craig A. Wilson

Date Photographed: April 25, 2023

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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- 2 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0002
Primary Historic Structure / Southeast Corner / camera facing northwest
- 3 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0003
Primary Historic Structure / East Elevation / camera facing west
- 4 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0004
Primary Historic Structure / North Elevation / camera facing southwest
- 5 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0005
Primary Historic Structure / Northwest Corner / camera facing south

Photographer: Preservation Virginia staff

Date Photographed: 01-22-19

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 6 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0006
Primary Historic Structure / West Elevation / camera facing northeast

Photographer: Craig A. Wilson

Date Photographed: April 25, 2023

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Primary Historic Structure / Central Hallway / camera facing north
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Primary Historic Structure / Central Hallway / camera facing northwest
- 9 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0009
Primary Historic Structure / Central Hallway / camera facing southeast
- 10 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0010
Primary Historic Structure / Classroom on West Side of Bldg / camera facing west
- 11 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0011
Primary Historic Structure / Classroom on West Side of Bldg / camera facing east
- 12 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0012
Primary Historic Structure / Classroom on East Side of Bldg / camera facing east
- 13 of 17:** VA_GalaxCity_RosenwaldFeltsSchool_0013

Rosenwald Felts School
Name of Property

City of Galax, VA
County and State

Primary Historic Structure / Classroom on East Side of Bldg / camera facing west

Photographer: Jolena Young

Date Photographed: May 2, 2024

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Primary Historic Structure / Office / camera facing east
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Primary Historic Structure / Storage Room / camera facing south
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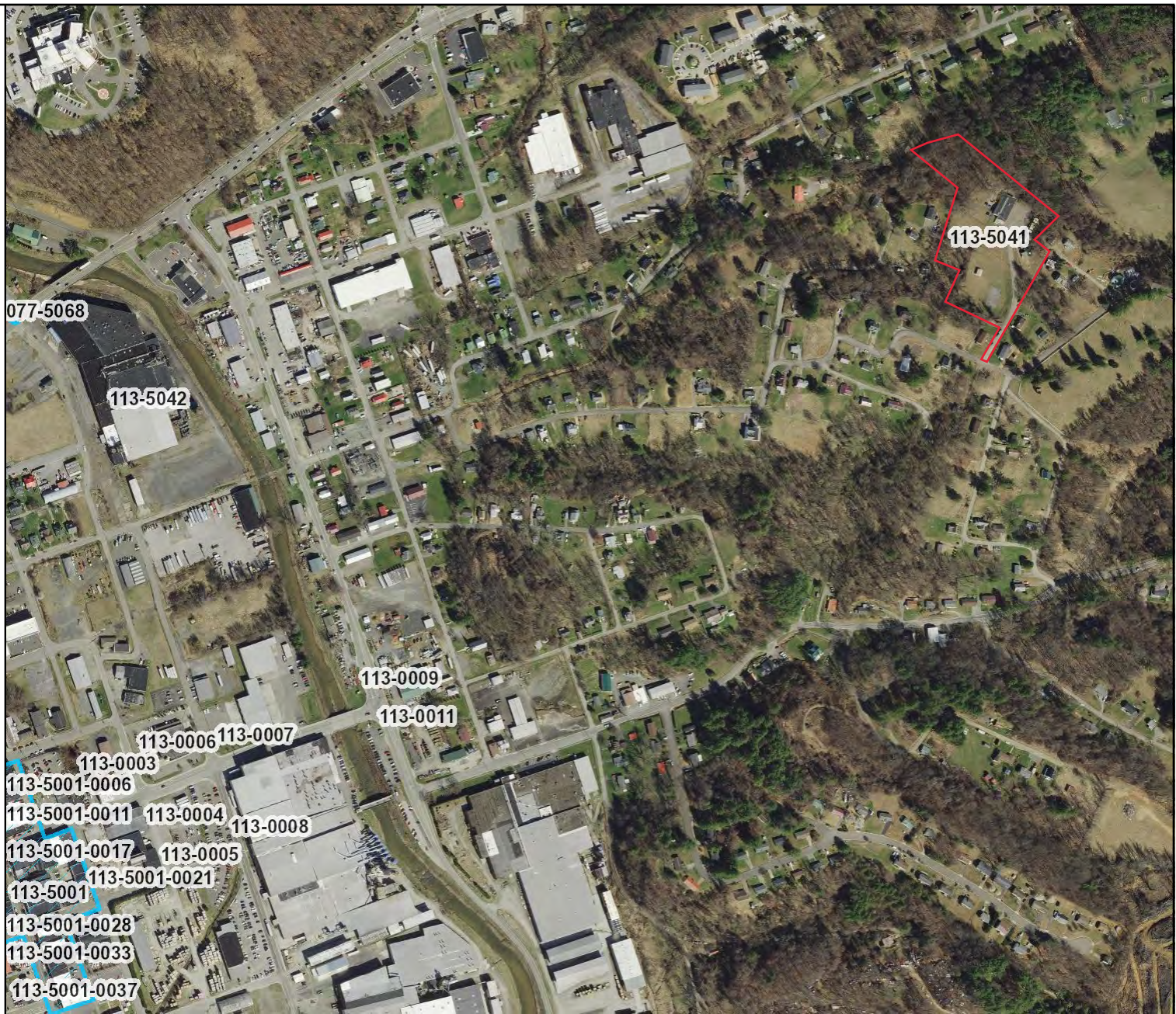
Location/Vicinity Map

Aerial View Showing
Historic Resources


Rosenwald Felts School


Galax City, VA

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Historic District

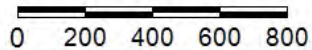
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Parcel

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Feet



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Location/Vicinity Map


Street View Showing
Historic Resources


Rosenwald Felts School

Galax City, VA

DHR File # 113-5041

113-0007 Historic Resources

 Galax Downtown Historic District

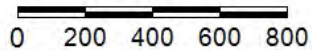
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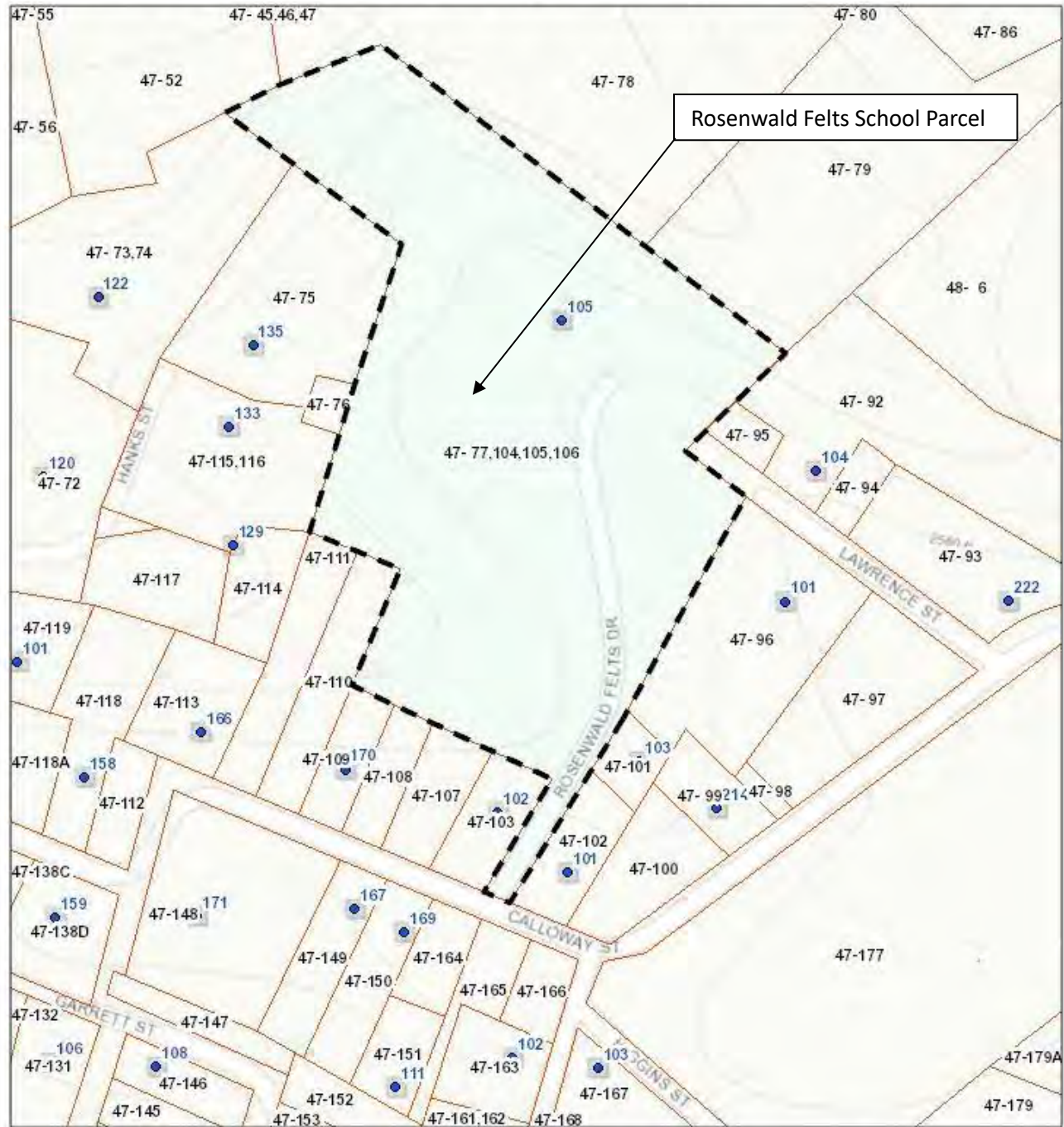


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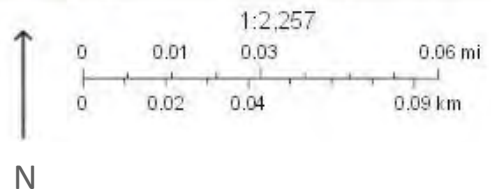
Parcel Map
Rosenwald Felts School
Galax City, VA
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- Buildings

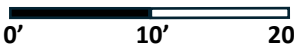


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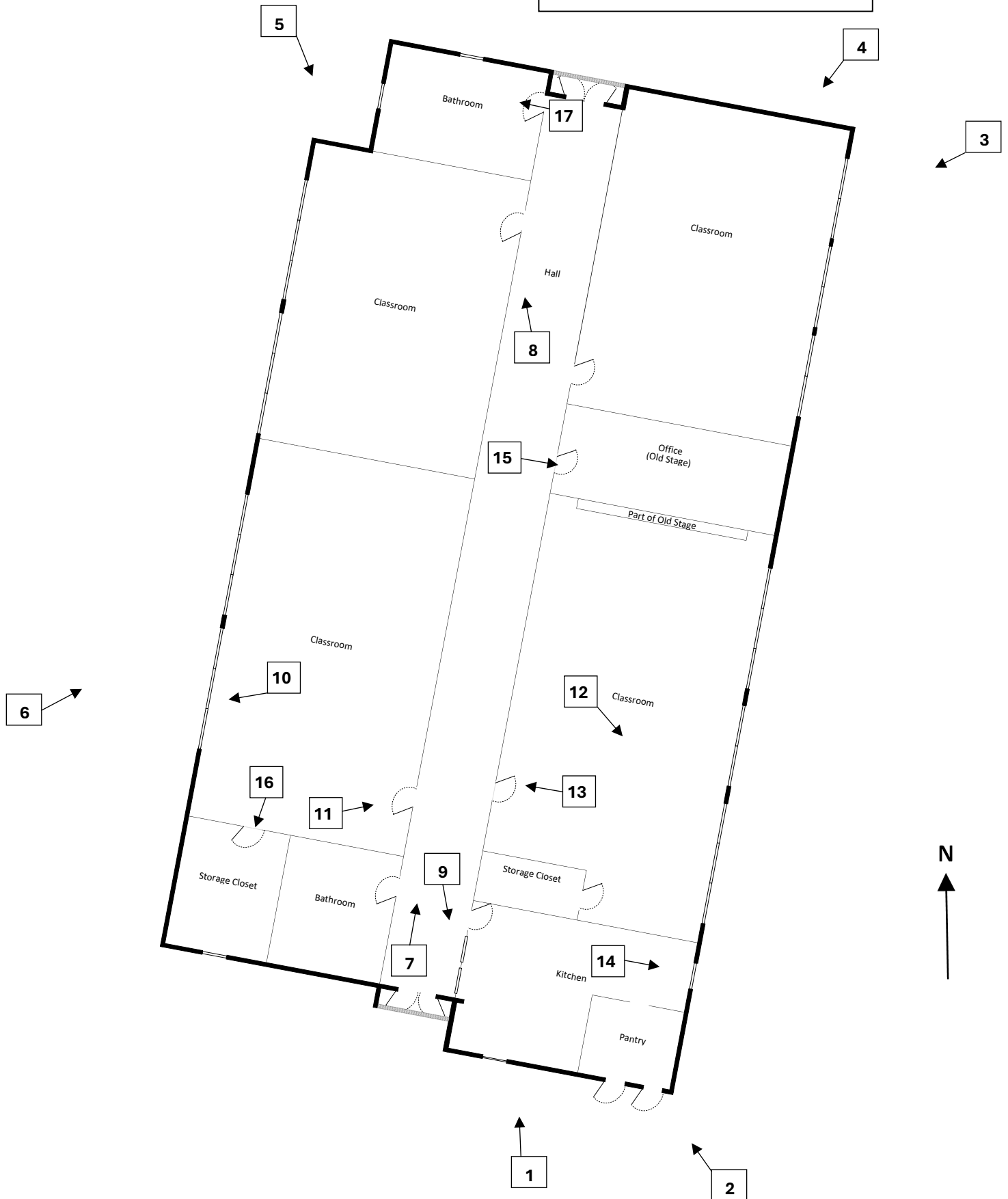
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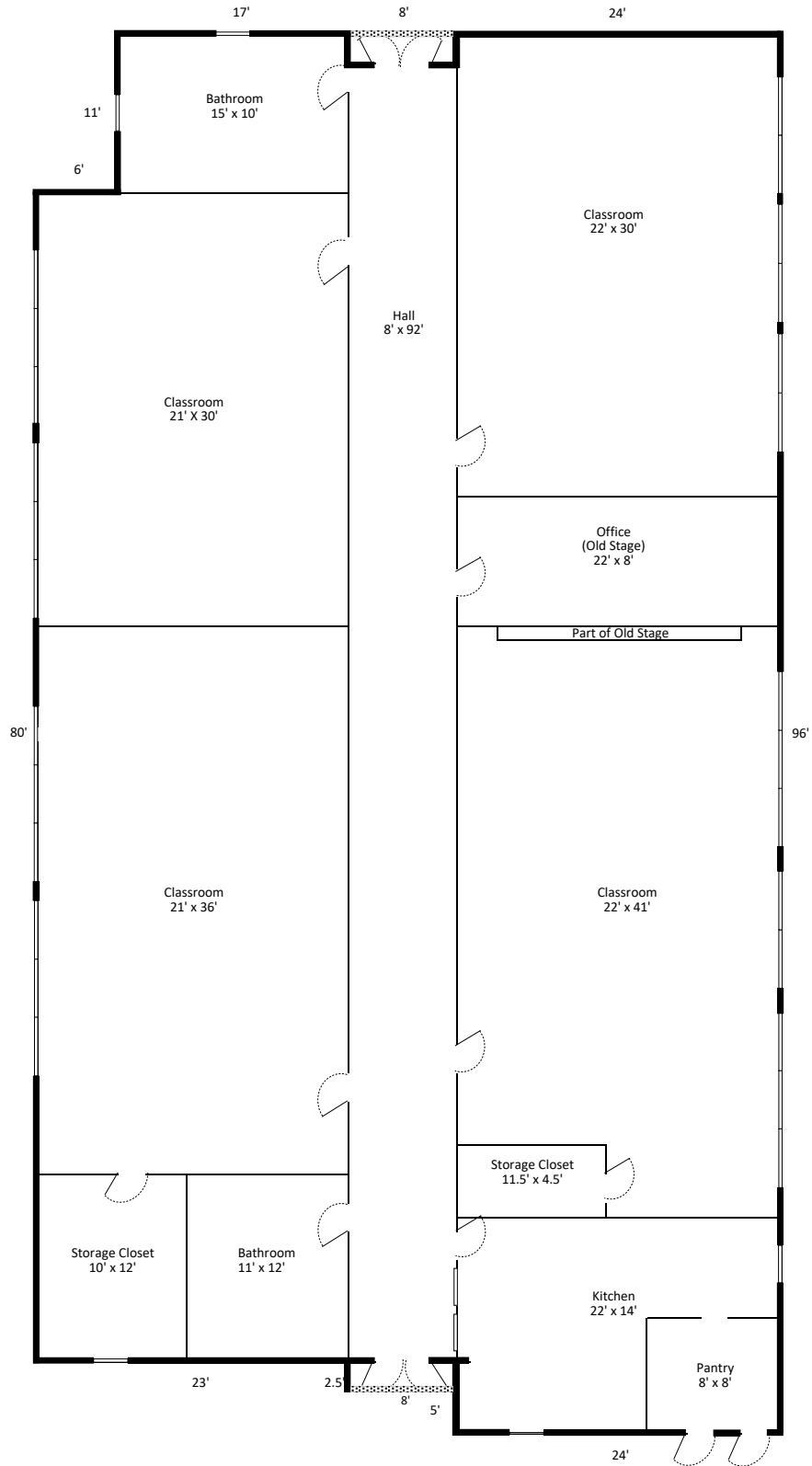
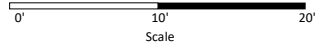
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Floorplan
Rosenwald Felts School
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ROSENWALD FELTS
COMMUNITY CENTER





ROSENWALD FELTS
COMMUNITY CENTER

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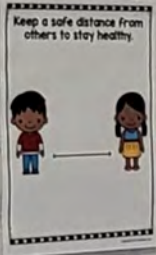
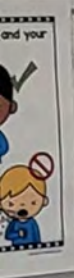
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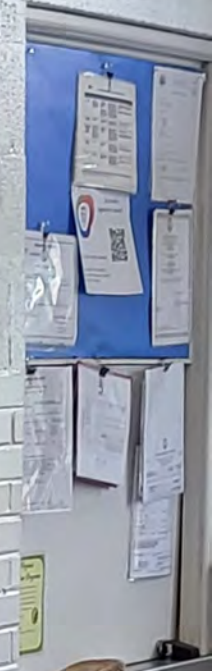
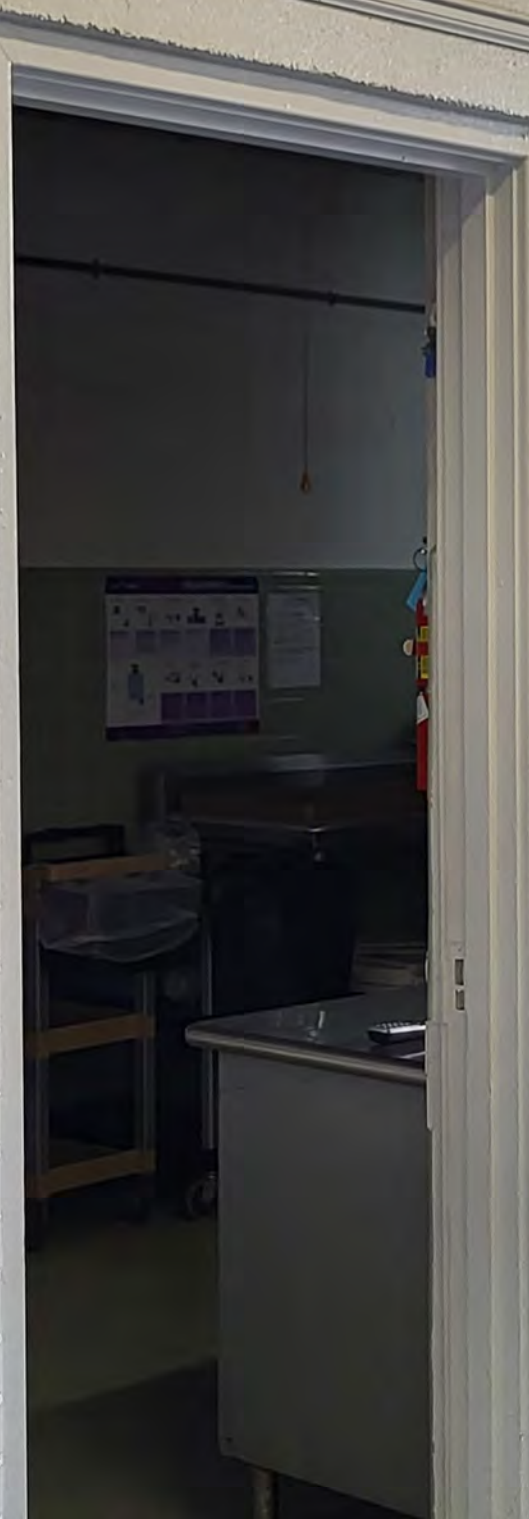


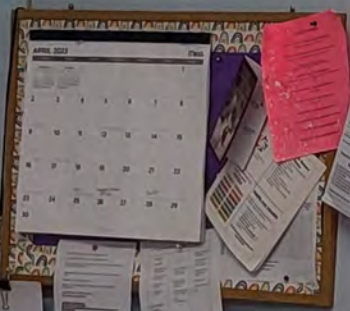












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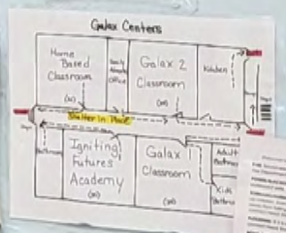
GALAX 1

Classroom Empty
Classroom Empty

FIRE EXTINGUISHER



Come
our
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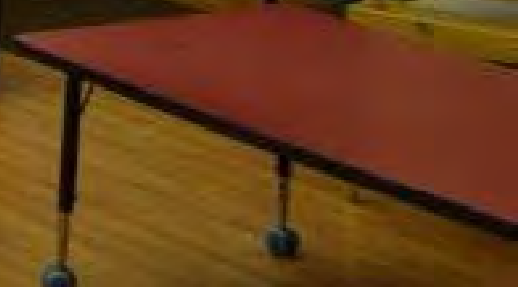


DID YOU
CLOSE YOUR
DOORS?





CLASSROOM
RULES





Galax Centers

Galax 1 Classroom	Some Motor/Calculus/Reading Room
Galax 2 Classroom	Group Socialization

DID YOU CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS?

BOOKS!

Social - Emotional Alphabet

