



## Brewer High School (former)

Brewer, Maine

*National Register Nomination\**

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting researched and wrote the National Register nomination for the former Brewer High School in 2014. The school is significant for its architecture and as the first modern high school building in the city.

The school was designed by the architectural firm of Butterfield-Guertin Co. and was constructed in 1925-26 in the Art Deco style. The design featured modern building materials, including industrial steel window sash, and represents common design and stylistic trends for school buildings in the State at the time.

With broad trends in educational theory evolving during the early 20th century, new schools were constructed to meet new expectations for student. Expanded learning opportunities as well as extra-curricular activities necessitated specific facilities such as mechanical and commercial arts classroom spaces.

The architecture takes into account contemporary trends in school design, following the common Strayer-Engelhardt test for school buildings - a benchmark in the national adoption of school building guidelines and requirements.

\*SCC prepared the National Register Nomination of this property in conjunction with a certified historic tax credit rehabilitation project.

