

**Title:** Milwaukee Public Schools Collection

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RC14, Sh. 007 (000.2 cu. ft.)  
RC 21A, Sh. 002 and 004 (000.6 cu. ft.)  
RC28, Sh. 006-015 (003.2 cu. ft.)  
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OS SM “M-1” (3 items)

**Abstract:** The first public schools appeared in Milwaukee in the 1830s, but it wasn't until the city was incorporated in 1846 that a Board of School Commissioners was appointed to administer the growing public school system. In 1859, Rufus King became the first Superintendent of Schools. As of 2015, there are 157 schools and 77,391 students in the system.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of annual and miscellaneous reports, publications, scrapbooks, clippings, and other ephemera.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** Added to Newspaper Collection: *Rethinking Schools*, Vol. 1, #1-3, 1986-1987

**Arrangement:**

Folder Heading	Box #	Folder #
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Milwaukee Board of School Directors - President's Annual Address (4 items)	1	1
Milwaukee Board of School Directors - Rules & Regulations (5 items)	1	2
Milwaukee Board of School Directors - Manuals & Rosters (13 items) and Directory of Schools (3 items)	1	3
Milwaukee Board of School Directors - Minutes from meetings - 14 from 1901 to 1936	1	4
Milwaukee Board of School Directors - Information on building needs	1	5
School Board member information	1	6A
"Welcome" packet – 1961 & 1979		

Statement of Principles - 1957		
Handbook for School Officials - 1950		
School Board Members Manual		
School Board candidates - pamphlets, flyers, & info sheets, 1935-ongoing	1	6B
Superintendent's Annual Reports, 1901-02, 1959, 1926-27, 1929, 1931-35, 1937-38	1	7A
Superintendent's Annual Reports, 1939,'41-42,'44-46 & 1940 NEA report	1	7B
Superintendent's Annual Reports, 1947,'48,'52,'57,'58	1	7C
Superintendent's Annual Reports, 1959-61,1963-67, 1969-70, 1973, 1976	1	7D
Office of the Superintendent 1964 reports	1	8
Office of Superintendent, Applications for Exemption of Fees, 1900-01	1	8B
Educational Equality information – MPS	1	9
Division of Exceptional Education and Supportive Systems	2	9A
Long range planning - school closings	2	9B
Educational equality information - non-MPS	2	10
Internal Publications – MPS Info, 1984, 1986-1987	2	10A
Reports re Race Issues, MPS – The Youth Incentive Project, Preliminary Report, Phase I, 1964 – Racial Imbalance in the Milwaukee Public Schools, 1966 – A Plan to Reduce Prejudice and Discrimination in the Greater Milwaukee Area, 1967 – Comprehensive Plan for Increasing Educational Opportunities and Improving Racial Balance in the Milwaukee Public Schools, 1976	2	10B
Misc. reports (See also Box 2B) – Platoon Schools – 1924 – "We Defend America" – 1942 – Weekly Bulletin - 5/25/1966 & 6/8/1966 – Projected Revenue Requirements - 5/25/1962 – General Information Sheet - 3/1967 (2) – Facts & Figures – 1966-1967, 1986 – Plan for improvement of Milwaukee's school operation – 1968 – “More Children More Schools” -1961 – Introducing...Milwaukee Specialty Schools, 1986	2	11
Articles/reports about MPS (includes historical information)	2	12
Incorporation of Town of Granville Schools into MPS, 1956-1961	2	12B
Department of Pupil Personnel	2	12C
<b>CURRICULUM</b>		
MPS Manual of the Graded Course: 3 editions - 1895,1898, 1901 & 1903	2	13
MPS Curriculum Bulletin: 2 items - 1947 & 1953	2	14
Supply/Text Price Lists – 6th grade - 9/1/1902	2	15

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Catalogue of Supplies - 1917-1918</li> <li>– High School Course Handbook and Texts - 1934-1935</li> </ul>		
Kindergarten Materials	2	16
Primary Grade Materials	2	17
"Course in English" - 9/1917		
Projects and games - 1922		
"Shall I go to High School" - 1930		
Field trips - 1956		
Science for you (6th grade) - 1962		
All-American Song book, undated		
"Little Black Sambo," undated		
Writing Book, undated		
Math/Penmanship workbook 1820s		
Junior High & High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Course of Study of the High School - 1889, 1891, 1895</li> <li>– Life advisement activities - Jr. High &amp; Jr. Trade Schools – 1937</li> <li>– Life advisement activities - Jr. and Sr. High Schools – 1945</li> </ul>	2	18
Mathematics – Manuals from 1896 & 1898 (3 items); 8th Grade Exam, 1897	2A	19
Cookery and Domestic Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Books/notebooks ca. 1906 – 1923</li> <li>– Lesson sheets</li> </ul>	2A	20
Physical education – Lesson sheets & 1914 & 1928 manual	2A	21
Teacher/student aids - 1904-1946	2A	22
Vocational Manuals - 1940-1958	2A	23
History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– "A Teacher's Guidebook for Jr. Historians" - 1961 – MCHS</li> <li>– History and Geography of Wisconsin, Grade 7A: A Reference for Teachers (Draft Copy), 1962</li> </ul>	2A	24
Misc. reports (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– School Profiles, City-Wide Testing Program, 1975-1978 (3 vols.)</li> <li>– Remedial Plan for Compliance with Chapter 115, Subchapter IV (re handicapped children), 1977</li> <li>– Enrollment Analysis, 1963-1983</li> <li>– The School Psychologist as a Therapist, 1968</li> <li>– Orientation Classes for In-Migrant – Transient Children, 1961</li> </ul>	2B	Loose
Drawing Books, 1874-1896	2C	Loose
History - City of Milwaukee	3	25
History - State of Wisconsin	3	26A
History - State of Wisconsin	3	26B
MPS publications for parents	3	27
Educational opportunities	3	28

	Free evening school - 1880		
	Free lectures - 1903		
	Catalog of Educational opportunities (2 items)		
	Public Policy Forum final report, 1937		
	Educational Information – misc	3	29
	Music	3	29A
	<b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b>		
	Bay View High School - misc. items	see	Mss-2209
	Bay View High School <i>Oracle</i> : 10 items from 1936 to 1969 <b>[Removed &amp; added to Box 7]</b>	see	Mss-2209
	Custer High School	3	31A
	Hamilton High School - "Bicentennial History of Hamilton High School District, 1837-1976"	3	31B
	Lincoln High School	3	32
	North Division High School – misc. items	3	33
	North Division Reunion Booklets	3	34
	Class of 1926 - 50th		
	Class of 1933 - 25th		
	Class of 1934 - 25th & 50th		
	Class of 1938 - 50th		
	Class of 1939 - 25th		
	Class of 1940 - 45th		
	Class of 1942- 50th		
	Class of 1944 - 30th		
	Pulaski High School - misc.	3	35
	Riverside High School - Milwaukee's 1st & oldest high school (Milwaukee H.S., East Side H.S., East Division H.S.) Items from 1880 - ongoing	3	36
	"Celebrating 100 Years of Engineers & Scientists in Milwaukee: History and Membership"	3	36
	Rufus King High School	3A	37
	Sholes Jr. High School.	3A	37A
	Solomon Juneau High School - misc.	3A	38
	South Division High School - misc. {items now in own Mss. Coll.}(South Side H.S.)	3	39
	South Division High School School Newspaper {in own Mss. Coll.} "The Cardinal" - 14 items from 1936 to 1958	3	40
	Technical/Vocational High School	3A	41
	Boys' Technical H.S.		
	Girls' Trades & Technical H.S.		
	Milwaukee Public School of Trades for Girls		
	South Girls' Junior Trade School		
	Milwaukee Vocational School		
	"Tech Craftsman" (Boys' Tech publication) - 19 from 1920 to 1956	3A	42

See: M.F. #542-547 for "Tech Craftsman" Oct. 22, 1920 - Feb. 1996 (donor James Thomas, March 1997).		
Washington High School – misc. items	4	43
Washington High School – misc. items	4	43A
Wauwatosa East High School	4	43AA
Wauwatosa West High School	4	43B
West Division High School - misc.	4	44
West Division High School - <i>Comet</i> - 1939/1940 ( <b>Removed &amp; Added to Box 7</b> )	4	45
West Division High School - <i>Comet</i> - 1940/1941 ( <b>Removed &amp; Added to Box 7</b> )	4	46
West Division High School - <i>Comet</i> - 1941/1943 ( <b>Removed &amp; Added to Box 7</b> )	4	47
<b>SCHOOLS/TEACHERS</b>		
Ward Schools	4	48
District Schools	4	49
7th District School	4	50
14 <sup>th</sup> District School	4	50A
21st District School	4	51
Albert E Kagel School	4	52
Eugene Field School	4	53
Gustav Fritsche Junior High School	4	53A
Hartford Ave. School	4	53B
Henry W. Longfellow School	4	53C
Juneau School Record - 1869/70	4	54
Milwaukee German Immersion School	4	54A
Milwaukee Oral Day School for the Deaf	4	55
R. M. Lafollette School	4	56
Peckham Junior High School	4	56A
Pleasant View School	4	56AA
Schools – misc.	4	57
Schools – multiple	4	58
Steuben Junior High School	4	58A
Teacher info – MPS	4	59
"Teaching Progress" - MPS teacher publication 2/1946 to 6/1966	4	60
Teacher info - Wisconsin/general	4	61
Milwaukee School Ground Plat book, Nov. 1920 (original and a copy for Public Use).	4	LOOSE
<b>DEPT. OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION (See Mss-1677)</b>		
<b>CLASS REGISTERS (BV, Sh. 148)</b>		
11th Dist. Primary and #2 Schools, 1902-1909 Daily attendance record volumes - 10 items	6	LOOSE

South Division Cooking School, 1904-1905	6	LOOSE
11 <sup>th</sup> Dist. #2 & 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Schools (became Alexander Mitchell in 1930) general registers, 1906-1913 - 7 items - registers include name of student & parent, home address, nativity of child & parents	6	LOOSE
<b>SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS</b> (CV, Sh. 343)		
Bay View <i>Oracle</i> , 1936 - 1969 (15 items)	7	LOOSE
Lincoln Jr.-Sr. H. S. <i>The Lincoln Leader</i> , March 25, 1966	7	LOOSE
North Division H.S. <i>The North Star</i> , 1944, 1946, 1963 (5 items)	7	LOOSE
Pulaski H.S. <i>The Cavalier</i> , Jan. 27, 1960	7	LOOSE
Riverside H.S. <i>The Riverside Rocket</i> , May 11, 1968 (2 copies)	7	LOOSE
Rufus King H.S. <i>The King's Page</i> , Dec. 22, 1942	7	LOOSE
Technical High Schools <i>The Craftsman</i> , 1931 - 1956 (17 items)	7	LOOSE
Washington H.S. <i>The Washington Scroll</i> , 1932 - 1947 (8 items)	7	LOOSE
West Division H.S. <i>The Comet</i> , 1939-1943 (47 items)	7	LOOSE
Custer H.S. <i>Custer Chronicle</i> , 1961-1964 (25 items)	7	LOOSE
Edison H.S. <i>Highlights</i> , 1960-1961 (4 items)	7	LOOSE
Samuel Morse Junior H.S. <i>The Telegraph</i> , 1969-1966 (8 items)	7	LOOSE
<b>OVERSIZE ITEMS</b>	LOCATION	
Broadside of protest meeting at Westside Turn Hall to voice opposition to Mayor Rose's refusal to grant funds to Public Schools ordered by referendum vote, March 12, 1909.	OS SM "M"	
Placard: "get in the picture. Milwaukee High School of the Arts"	OS SM "M"	
Sylvia Preston Diploma, Mound St. School, 1915	OS SM "M"	
Inside Our Schools: Milwaukee Journal, January-April 1976	OS SM "M"	
Bay View Music Festival program, February 1972	OS SM "M"	
Custer Chronicle 11/1962, 01/1963, 03/1963	MV	F31
<b>SCRAPBOOKS</b>	LOCATION	
Scrapbook of field trip guides to various sites and businesses prepared by different Milwaukee Public Schools, ca. 1950s.	RC4	Sh. 015
Scrapbook of original drawings "The Milwaukee Alphabet" done by Peckham Jr. High pupil, n.d.	RC14	Sh. 007
West Division H.S. Class of 1930 Reunion scrapbook, 1960 – 1998	RC28	Sh. 015
West Division H.S. Record of War Work, 1917-1918	RC21A	Sh. 004
Lapham Park, 1933-1939: Jr. Optimist Scrap Book	RC21A	Sh. 002
Teacher's Kit: Milwaukee River Field Trip Teacher's Kit, 1973	MV	E1
Custer H.S. Scrapbooks of clippings, schedules, enrollment, programs, and photos, 1929-1955.	RC28	Sh.006-014
<b>SEE ALSO: Map #884: Hawthorne Glen, 1130 N. 60<sup>th</sup> St., 1976</b>	GC14	