

Loveland's Truscott Elementary added to national historic register

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Truscott Elementary School at West Sixth Street and Garfield Avenue in Loveland has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. (Michelle Risinger / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

LOVELAND -- Truscott Elementary School in Loveland has been added to the National Register of Historic Places, the Thompson School District announced Friday.

The school at 211 W. Sixth St. was built in 1957 as Loveland's junior high school. It is considered one of three schools in Colorado that are prime examples of midcentury design.

Historic-architecture experts say Truscott's bands of large windows and exterior of red brick and sandstone are typical of the midcentury design.

Walter Simon, a key Colorado architect of the period, designed the Loveland school in 1956. The structure cost \$471,000 to build.

The school served solely as a junior high school until 1964, when the district started its transition to an elementary school, which was complete in 1973.

The school was named after Loveland teacher and coach R.W. "Doc" Truscott.

A plaque commemorating Truscott Elementary School's place on the historic register will be presented during a ceremony at 8:15 a.m. Nov. 27, according to a press release from the Thompson School District.