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**BROOKSIDE SCHOOL NO. 54  
RECORDS, CA. 1929–2001**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 half-size manuscript box, 9 bound volumes, 1 PAB album, 2 folders cold storage color photographs, 1 PAC cold storage album

**COLLECTION DATES:** ca. 1929–2001

**PROVENANCE:** Martha Hofer, Indianapolis, Indiana

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**RELATED HOLDINGS:** "Public School no. 54, Brookside, 1915," Bass Photo Company Collection, Box 55, Folder 15

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 2015.0197

**NOTES:**

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Brookside School No. 54 is an elementary school located at 3150 E 10th Street, on the near east side of Indianapolis. Center Township Trustees purchased the land from Calvin Fletcher for the purpose of establishing a school in 1865. Several years after the purchase, a simple framed two-room schoolhouse was erected.

By 1886, the original schoolhouse was outgrown and a new school was built across the street, where the current school resides. The new school was a four-room brick building. Due to rapid population growth in the area and an increase of students in the 1900s, the brick schoolhouse underwent several improvements, including adding multiple classrooms and an auditorium. By the mid-1920s School 54 was struggling to house its population of over 1,100 students.

Throughout the years, Brookside underwent several additions to make room for the influx of students. In 2004, the 20-room brick schoolhouse was renovated into a modern 90,000 sq. ft. facility. Unique architectural details, like a limestone arch with the school's name, were incorporated into the new building. The renovations were completed 2006 and the school now serves eight hundred students.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

"School History," Brookside School 54. <https://schools.myips.org/brookside/about/>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Brookside School 54 Records primarily pertains to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) activities over several decades. This includes scrapbooks, publications, membership lists, and pictures. Scrapbooks and photo albums include pamphlets and images of PTA-hosted events, including the annual candy sale drive and Halloween party.

Also in this collection is the recorded history of Brookside and the PTA. Other items include the Mothers Chorus and educational material about prominent people and locations in Indianapolis. Also included are information and recollections from students of the 1945 Brookside graduating class. Miscellaneous items include a play pamphlet performed by the school and a letter from a former student.

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