

If These Walls Could Talk...

A Short History of the Fifth Street School

If the walls of the Historic Fifth Street School could talk, they'd speak of dusty Depression-era days during 1936 when a much-needed grammar school opened to serve a bustling Las Vegas population of approximately 12,000.

It wasn't until the late 1920s and early 1930s, when construction of the federally funded Hoover Dam took place, that the need for a much larger school developed. Hoover Dam construction, as well as the reduced residency requirements for divorces, and the legalization of gambling - both occurring in 1931 - had a huge impact on Las Vegas' economic growth during this time.

The school was built for \$230,000 (\$85,000 in federal funds were funneled through New Deal agencies; the balance came from the sale of school bonds).

Officially called the Las Vegas Grammar School, the complex has informally been referred to as the Fifth Street School almost since its inception, due to its location on Fifth Street (renamed Las Vegas Boulevard in 1959) in downtown Las Vegas.

The complex functioned as a school, each year serving between 150 to 200 students in grades first through eighth, until 1966. It sat empty until 1970, when it was converted into Clark County offices. It was acquired by the city of Las Vegas from the county in 1996.

The Las Vegas City Council saw great potential for this historic landmark in the heart of downtown and showed their commitment to the project by transferring title of the school to the Redevelopment Agency on Aug. 4, 2004. This crucial move allowed for the use of much-needed redevelopment funds for the rehabilitation of the historic building. In 2012, the Redevelopment Agency transferred the building ownership to the city of Las Vegas.

Now officially called the Historic Fifth Street School, the building and its site are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the city of Las Vegas Historic Property Register.

General Information

Parking

Limited parking is available at the Historic Fifth Street School. There are also public parking meters in the surrounding area:

- 51 spaces at the Historic Fifth Street School, Accessible spaces available (availability varies).
- Parking garage and metered parking available in surrounding areas.

Liability Insurance

Liability insurance may be required for events held at the Historic Fifth Street School.

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed unless approval is obtained prior to the event.

Concessions/Catering/Vendors

City of Las Vegas licensed food and beverage caterers may only be utilized.

Payments and Deposits

- Refundable facility rental deposit is required for tentative hold for date. (20 percent of facility rate fee is the refundable rental deposit)
- All final payments are due no later than 14 days prior to rental date.
- City of Las Vegas staffing fees will apply for rentals after 10 hours.
- Direct costs (security and cleaning) are charged in rental estimate.

Security

After hours (after 6:30 p.m. and weekends) as well as events serving alcohol will require security (city will hire security guards based on event attendance).

DJ and Live Music

Live music and/or DJ services may be brought in for events with prior approval.

Technical Needs

A city production services unit is available for additional lighting and sound support for an additional fee. (based on availability and style of event)

Tables/Chairs

Tables and chairs are available and are included in the rental fee. Available for indoor use only.

- 400 chairs with arms
- 20 rectangular tables
- 30 five-foot round tables

Linens

Linens/tablecloths are not provided.



Contact Information:

Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Historic Fifth Street School

401 S. Fourth St.

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ArtsLasVegas.org

8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday

Rental Request Inquiry Form:



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City of Las Vegas
Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

HISTORIC FIFTH STREET SCHOOL



RENTAL INFORMATION



Rental Information

Many of the common areas of the Historic Fifth Street School are available for public or private functions. These areas include a multipurpose performance area/auditorium capable of accommodating up to 400 people, a gallery space for exhibitions and smaller meetings able to hold up to 200 people and a 26-person conference room. In addition, there are open courtyards available for outside activities, as well as the 16,000-square-foot Centennial Plaza that can be used for outdoor gatherings.

ROOM	DIMENSIONS	USABLE SQUARE FEET	MAXIMUM CAPACITY				AMENITIES	PRICING
			Reception	Banquet	Theater	Classroom		
Auditorium	70' x 80'	5,600'	400	240	350	200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardwood floor • 24' x 35' permanent stage with curtain • PA System with cordless • Projector with on space screen • 5000-pound lift for accessing stage 	\$200/hour
Conference Room (26-seat Conference Table)	23' x 31'	713'	16 (conference room style)	—	—	16 (workshop room style)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projection Screen 	\$35/hour
Frank Wright Memorial Courtyard	40' x 96'	3,840'	150	80	100	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity available 	\$75/hour
Centennial Plaza	126' x 126'	15,876'	400	—	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No electricity available 	\$150/hour
Suite 160	—	875'	—	—	—	50	—	\$60/hour
Suite 180	—	1,284'	—	—	—	75	—	\$60/hour
Parking Lot	—	—	—	—	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 spaces / 3 handicapped spaces 	—

Rates are subject to change based on facility rental inquiry. • Final rental fees will be determined with a facility rental estimate.

