



# MIDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**30,000 SqFt DEMOLITION/RENOVATION**  
**Completed September 2007**  
Charlotte, NC



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Rich in history, the Midwood High School renovation, located at 1817 Central Avenue in Charlotte, NC was a complete retrofit of a depression era high school constructed in multi-period time frames, beginning in the mid nineteen-thirties with additions put forth in the nineteen-fifties and nineteen-seventies. The structure (formerly known as Lawyers High School and occasionally used as a church) is known for its relevance as one of the first high schools within the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System in the Plaza-Midwood area of Charlotte. The "Works Progress Administration" of the thirties, offered schools constructed of one-story rectangular footprints with projecting porticos; architecture common to that decade. Midwood School was no different. Flat concrete panels were located above the windows that flank the main, double leaf entry. The dominant challenge to the renovation was the \$1.2 million dollar change order which was approved three quarters of the way through the job and triggered forty percent more work with only a thirty day extension to complete. The project was brought in on time and under budget in less than nine months.



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