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| Name of the Structure | <b>San Pablo Elementary School</b>  |
| Other Names           | Central, Central School   |
| Location              | Rizal Avenue corner Mabini Street, San Pablo City, Laguna<br>Coordinates: 14.0713 ° N, 121.3230° E  |
| Use Key Map           |    |
| How to get there      | Take the bus from Pasay (Buendia) to San Pablo City; it takes 2h 20m, situated along the City Plaza (Rizal Avenue) Adjacent to Fule-Malvar Mansion. The main gate is located beside the footbridge. |
| PICTURES              |   |

Main gate of the school. Photo by Earl Gamboa (November 2019)



Mabini Hall (William Parsons Gabaldon-type building) formerly known as the Thomas Jefferson building.  
Retrieved from the book *San Pablo de los Montes* by J. B. Hernandez



Rizal Hall (Juan Arellano Gabaldon-type building)  
Retrieved from the book *Imperial tapestry* by N. I. Alarcon

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| Ownerships and Provenance | City Government of San Pablo / Department of Education   |
| STATUTORY CONTROL         | Local Ordinance 53-2018; National Cultural Heritage Act or RA 10066; Republic Act No. 11194  |
| History of the Structure  | <p>San Pablo Central School is one of the sixty-four (64) public elementary schools in San Pablo City under Lakeside District. Municipal Presidente Cornelio Alcantara began the construction. The site was acquired between 1908 and 1910. By virtue of the Gabaldon Act, the first public school building was constructed in 1916 and was named Thomas Jefferson Building, now Mabini building. Intermediate classes were held there (grades 4-7) while primary grades were held at Escuela Pia. In 1913, 18 students, the first graduates of grade 7 received their diplomas; 1918 Lincoln Building now Bonifacio was constructed; 1925 Rizal Building was constructed; 1929 when the Minerva Shrine was installed, a donation of the graduates of that year; 1931 when the school's iron gates and fence were completed; 1940 Quezon</p> |

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|  | <p>building was constructed; 1941 when the public high school opened. The Boys High was housed at the Rizal Building while the Girl’s High was at the Bonifacio Building. In 1944, the buildings were damaged by the bombs of the Japanese invading forces. By virtue of the Rehabilitation Act of 1946, the buildings were restored.</p>   |
| <p>Usage of the Structure</p>                    | <p>Past Use to Present Use – Educational purposes</p>   |
| <p>SIGNIFICANCE</p>                              | <p><b>Historical</b><br/> As the first public school, the San Pablo Central School paved the way for the education of most San Pableños. Early professionals and local leaders were educated in the institution, under the American teachers. The Mabini and Bonifacio halls were built from the templates made by William Parsons; the Quezon hall by Tomas Mapua, and Rizal hall the largest building by Juan Arellano, some of the country’s leading architects.</p> <p><b>Aesthetic</b><br/> The four (4) Gabaldon-type school buildings are local treasures of the school; namely Mabini, Quezon, Bonifacio, and Rizal buildings. These structures were designed based on the plans drawn by some of the prestigious architects of the country. These heritage school buildings are noted for the architecture inspired from the bahay kubo and bahay na bato. Classical structures that negotiated with the tropical environment.</p> |
| <p>State of Preservation</p>                     | <p>These Gabaldon school buildings has been partially restored in the recent years.</p>   |
| <p>DESCRIBE THE THREATS AND VULNERABILITIE S</p> | <p><b>Buildings and Development</b> (Institutional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encroachment / Changes to skyline</li> <li>- Masterplan</li> </ul> <p><b>Interpretative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Signages</li> </ul> <p><b>Major linear utilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Power lines / easements</li> </ul> <p><b>Pollution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All types of pollution (residential / commercial) as well as garbage, solid waste.</li> <li>- Dust</li> </ul> <p><b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b></p>  |

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|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental or biological factors that promote or contribute to the deterioration of heritage sites.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social / cultural uses of heritage</b></p> <p>The primary threat is with regards to the society’s valuing of heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Changes in values leading to new uses of heritage resources</li> <li>- Expansions of, or additions to current uses of heritage resources</li> <li>- Abandonment</li> </ul> <p><b>Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Management activities</li> <li>- Financial resources</li> <li>- Human resources</li> </ul>  |
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Minerva monument at the background



Rizal Hall at the upper right corner





