The Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District is a distinct cultural landscape that reflects the spatial expansion of Montana’s state government in the Capitol environs from 1895 through the present. Despite lacking a “master plan” until 1972 (or at least one that received much attention), the state created a campus of high-style public buildings and associated landscape components that harmonize with and enhance the district’s impressive centerpiece: the Montana State Capitol Building.

The Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District is characterized by excellent examples of high-style public architecture that range in height from one to five stories. The sandstone and granite Montana State Capitol (1899-1902, wings constructed 1909-1912) sets the district’s aesthetic tone, with most other buildings harmonizing with the impressive Neoclassical Revival building in style and/or building materials. Early additions to the campus reflect the revivalist styles of Academic Eclecticism, while buildings constructed after World War I display the evolution of Modernism in public architecture.

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