

school was on a core 40 system. The school offered vocational programs which let students study trades such as building trades, culinary art, broadcast, business and veterinarian science. Students were able to partake in JROTC. While in JROTC, students could do Raiders, Rifle team, MP Usher, and Color Guard. The graduating Class of 2007 had 25 graduating seniors, while the graduating Class of 2008 had 11 graduating seniors. Once a student graduated he or she had the option to go to any public college in Indiana, tuition free.

The stated mission of ISSCH was "to be a safe mentoring community where Indiana's at-risk youth are given opportunities to excel".^[3]

Endangered status

In 2009, the Home's complex of buildings was listed on the Indiana Landmarks "10 Most Endangered" list due to the Home's architectural significance and the uncertainty of its future viability. The state announced that following the 2009 graduation on 23 May 2009, the Home would be closed and the remaining students dispersed to public schools.^[4]

At the end of 2011, the entire Home complex was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.^[1] Thirty-one of the fifty-one buildings in the complex qualified as contributing properties,^{[2]:2} as did the cemetery and the entire grounds.^{[2]:15} The majority of the non-contributing buildings are small semi-permanent structures; enough large historic buildings remain that the property's sense of space and place is not diminished.^{[2]:3}

Closure

Following a bipartisan effort to keep the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home open, Governor Mitch Daniels closed the Home and removed it from the budget, effectively removing funding from the Home. The land was turned over to the Indiana National Guard for use as the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy (HYCA) in 2009.^[2] HYCA is a quasi-residential program designed to provide structure and life skills to students aged 16 to 18 who have dropped out of high school.^[5]

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Location	10892 N. <u>State Road 140</u>
Nearest city	<u>Knightstown</u>
Coordinates	<u>39°46′0″N</u> <u>85°31′0″W</u>
Built	1878
Architect	<u>John A. Hasecoster</u> , <u>Joe Wildermuth</u> , <u>McGuire & Shook</u>
NRHP reference No.	11000916 (http://npgallery.nps.gov/AssetDetail/NRIS/11000916) ^[1]
Added to NRHP	December 20, 2011

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Morton School (1928, addition 1936),
McGuire and Shook architects

External links

- [Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana 10 Most Endangered Listing](http://www.historiclandmarks.org/SavingPlaces/10Most/Pages/KnightstownChildrensHome.aspx) (<http://www.historiclandmarks.org/SavingPlaces/10Most/Pages/KnightstownChildrensHome.aspx>)
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