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Abstract
Gerald Boicourt began his career working with students as the Assistant Superintendent at the Salt Lake City Boys’ Detention home from 1940 to 1941. He then served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1946. He taught English in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, from 1946 to 1949. From there, he began as a research specialist for the State University of Iowa, and transitioned to the Supervisor of School Buildings for the Iowa Department of Public Institutions from 1950 to 1952. He continued his career in education at Wayne University in 1953 as an assistant professor in the College of Education. The university promoted him to an associate professor position in 1954, and then promoted him again to professor of Education Administration in 1964.

During his tenure at Wayne State University, Dr. Boicourt served as the Director of Community College Survey from 1958 to 1962 and as a member of the Interdepartmental Administrative Group. Dr. Boicourt also conducted a six-county study of community college needs in the Metro Detroit region from 1959 to 1960, as well as an Oakland County study of community colleges in 1962. Additionally, he directed Wayne State’s study of community college students in cooperation with University of Southern California’s nationwide study and served on the advisory committee for Wayne State’s Educational Council from 1966 to 1967. Dr. Boicourt taught courses regarding problems in metropolitan school administration and internship experiences in school plant planning.

Dr. Boicourt worked as a consultant for Metro Detroit school districts including: Redford Union, South Redford, Hazel Park, Inkster, Detroit, Berkley, and Gibraltar. He also consulted for multiple school districts in Iowa, as well as for Springfield School District in Illinois.

Because of Dr. Boicourt’s focus on the administration of schools and his consultant work for Metro Detroit schools, this collection primarily contains administrative reports and school planning documents. This collection also contains clippings, correspondence, and research all related to his professional work within education administration.

Important Subjects:
- Budgets, School
- Community college students
- Community college teaching
- Public Schools – Michigan
- School management and administration
- Schools – Accounting

Important Names:
- Berkley School District
- Boicourt, Gerald 1918-
- Detroit Public Schools
- Hazel Park School District
- Henry Ford Community College
Arrangement
The collection is arranged in original order.

Box 1
1. Application for continuation grant in rehabilitation counseling, 1961-1962
4. Application for initial grant in rehabilitation counseling, 1963-1964
5. Annual report, Department of Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation, 1960-1961
12. Teacher training, 1963-1964
15. Effect of hearing loss on pitch-matching judgment, 1963
16. The intermediate school district, 1966-1967
20. Detroit population studies, 1961-1967
22. Some aspects of education in the foreseeable future, M. Rasey, 1957
23. Shared time study, 1962-1965
25. Total Action Against Poverty (TAP), 1963-1966
27. Seminar in the Administration of Schools in Changing Urban Centers, 1965
30. Correspondence to and from Gerald Boicourt, 1965-1967
32. Court cases about education, 1957-1965
33. Doctoral questions, 1965-1966
34. Available job positions in the Michigan Department of Education, 1966
35. Faculty course load report, 1967
37. Oakland County Schools, newspaper clippings, 1967
38. Interdepartmental Committee on Preparation Programs in School Administration, 1963-1967
40. Research, article clippings and reports, 1963-1967
41. Schools for the seventies, O. Sand, 1963
42. School Bond Loan Program, Department of Public Instruction, 1956
43. Southfield Board of Education, 1965-1966
44. Copies of speeches, 1965
45. Placement of superintendents, 1966

Box 2

1. Faculty assembly, 1967
2. Doctoral and Education Specialist Committee, 1967
3. Five faculty task force reports and results of All-College Conference, 1966-1967
5. Urban Grant University System, 1963
9. Research Committee for a Study in the Recruitment and Selection of Potential Leaders in Educational Administration, 1960
10. Faculty meetings and reports, 1966-1969
11. Vocational Education Act, 1963
12. Results of program cost development and functional cost comparison study, St. Clair Shores, 1965
13. Custodian handbook and evaluations, 1956-1965
15. Detroit Board of Education, school planning, 1959-1964
16. Food Service Directory, 1965
17. Program activities report, Seminar in School of Business Administration, 1963-1964
19. Budget, School of Business Administration, 1965
22. Public Relations, 1965
23. Purchasing, Livonia Public Schools, 1963
24. Purchasing, 1963
25. Improving Employee Performance, 1965
26. Requisitioning, Course 7805, Clawson School District, 1964
29. Livonia Public Schools, 1963
30. School administration, maintenance, 1960
31. Multiple classes, 1957-1961
32. Organization of schools, 1964-1965
33. Personnel policies in Michigan Public Schools, 1958-1963
34. Planning and design, 1953-1957
35. Student scheduling, 1966
36. Superintendent reports, 1963-1966
37. Wayne County Schools, 1961-1963
38. School designs for Charles F. Kettering High School, Detroit Public Schools, 1967
39. Plans for Henry Ford Community College campus, Dearborn, 1956
40. Plans for Lamphere Public Schools, 1955
41. Planning school buildings, 1957, 1965
42. Findings and Recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Equal Educational Opportunities, Board of Education of City of Detroit, 1962
43. East Detroit Board of Education, 1963-1964
45. Study of School Districts in Northern Brownstown Township, Wayne County Intermediate School District, 1964
46. Survey of Districts in North Dearborn Township, Wayne County Board of Education, 1962