

Phoenix Indian School 1930



In 1930 The Indian School was a sprawling complex composed of agricultural means such as chicken coops, gardens, horses and a multitude of others. As time progressed, more and more students began to reside in the school, easily reaching their 1000 maximum. The picture above shows this phase in the Indian School.

Phoenix Indian School 1949



Immediately following the war, the School began to shift to the regularly accepted academic curriculum, and away from the Native American assimilation. In addition to this shift, with veterans coming home from war, land was needed for a hospital. Central High School also received some land for its buildings during this time. During this phase of its existence, the Indian School also began building many more buildings to meet the new demands of education, and slowly the agricultural programs subsided. The city of Phoenix had begun its approach of the city and the city planners quickly realized how prime this location was going to be.

Phoenix Indian School 1979



The final phase shown above shows the Indian School in 1979. This is during the downturn for the site. The size of the School has been dramatically reduced due to encroaching needs of the city. Some of the buildings have begun to come down, and some will eventually be repurposed, although many will not survive into the 21st century.