



Phoenix Elementary School District #1 Timeline

1870s

- 1871** – May 5, Phoenix Elementary School District officially created
- 1871** – November 27, first day of school. Used the courtroom in Hancock-Monihan Building (NW corner of Washington & Montezuma- now 1st Street)
- Paul Laurence Dunbar, a poet was born (**1872**)
- 1873** – First permanent building...the Little Adobe (Between Central & 1st Ave & Van Buren & Monroe)
- Phoenix Elementary School District officially created May 15, **1871**
- 20 students started school in Phoenix on November 27, **1871**
- Block 92 of original townsite donated to school district (between Van Buren and Monroe and Central and 1st Avenue)
- Little Adobe school house opened with W.A. Glover as teacher in January **1873**
- Miss Nellie Shaver hired as teacher in November **1873**. She was paid \$100/month
- \$10,000 bond for new school in **1879**

1880s

- 1880** – Central School replaces Little Adobe
- 1889** – East End School (NE corner 8th Street & Washington)
- 1889** – West End School (Madison Street between 6th & 7th Avenues)
- School closed in March **1883** due to a smallpox epidemic
- School re-opens in **1885** with 374 pupils
- Seven teachers and one principal hired for **1888** school year
- The Statue of Liberty is dedicated in New York Harbor (**1886**)
- Phoenix incorporated as a city (**1881**)
- Phoenix became capital of Arizona Territory (**1889**)

1890s

- 1899** – Five Points School (7th Ave & Woodland)
- Prospective teachers required to pass an examination to qualify for employment.
- Mule-drawn street cars replaced by electric street cars in **1893**
- The four schools in the district served students within specific boundaries.
- Telephones come to Phoenix (**1891**)
- First Public Library opens in Phoenix (**1898**)

1900s

- 1902** – General Clark Churchill House. Shared building with high school students. Became McKinley School (on 5th St and McKinley)
- 1902** – Linville School (Lincoln between 1st & 2nd streets) later site of School District Admin Building
- 1909** – Millard Fillmore School (741 W. Fillmore)
- President McKinley assassinated in **1901**
- President Theodore Roosevelt signs Reclamation Act in **1902**
- Construction of Roosevelt Dam begins in **1905**
- The Salt River Water Users Association, now SRP, formed in **1903**
- First automobile arrives in Phoenix (**1900**)

1910s

- 1911** – George Washington School replaces East End School (910 E. Washington)
 - 1911** – John Adams School (800 W. Adams)
 - 1911** – Martin Van Buren School (1650 W. Van Buren)
 - 1912** – Andrew Jackson School (w Madison between 6 & 7th avenues)
 - 1912** – Ulysses S. Grant School (415 W. Grant)
 - 1912** – Martin Van Buren School renamed Capitol School (named at statehood) (1650 W. Van Buren)
 - 1912** – West End School closes
 - 1912** – William McKinley School opens (512 E. Pierce) (previously omitted)
 - 1913** – Fredrick Douglas School (520 E. Madison)
 - 1913** – Sherman School (248 W. Sherman)
 - 1913** – James Abram Garfield School (921 N. 13th St)
 - 1914** – James Monroe School (Southeast corner of 7th Street and Van Buren)
 - 1917** – District Administration Building (331 N. 1st Ave)
 - 1917** – Central School closes
- Arizona becomes the 48th state in the Union, February 14, **1912**
- Governor George W. P. Hunt elected first governor
Women given the right to vote in Arizona elections, November 5, **1912**
- Gideon Sundback of Hoboken patents the all-purpose zipper (**1913**)
- The Great War (WWI) officially ends November 11, **1918**
- Roosevelt Dam is completed (**1911**)
- Spanish Flu pandemic (**1918**)
- Grand Canyon National Park was created (**1919**)

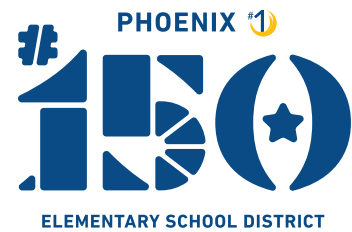
1920s

- 1920** – East Lake School (1709 & 1713 E. Washington)
 - 1920** – Grand Avenue School (an independent school district that joined PESD in **1943**) (Wilshire & 23rd Ave)
 - 1920** – Kenilworth School (5th Ave & W. Moreland)
 - 1920** – 9th Avenue School (9th Ave & Sherman)
 - 1921** – Jefferson School replaces East Lake School (1510 E. Jefferson)
 - 1921** – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow School (18th Street & Adams)
 - 1921** – Ralph Waldo Emerson School (7th Street & Palm Lane)
 - 1921** – Sherman School closes
- Jackson Pollock, an American Painter, enrolled in 6th grade at Monroe School (**1923**)
- 1925** – 9th Ave School rebuilt and renamed Paul Lawrence Dunbar School (707 W. Grant)
 - 1925** – James Russell Lowell School (1121 S. 3rd Avenue)
 - 1926** – Benjamin Franklin School (1645 W. McDowell)
 - 1928** – “New” Booker T. Washington School (1201 E. Washington)
 - 1928** – Henshaw and Lower Henshaw Schools (14th St & Henshaw [now Buckeye Rd])
 - 1928** – Jefferson School closes
 - 1929** – Robert Louis Stevenson School replaces Henshaw and Lower Henshaw Schools (**1801** S. 12th St)
 - 1929** – John Greenleaf Whittier School (**2000** N. 16th Street)
- The Orpheum Theater opened in January **1929**
- The stock market crashed (**1929**)
- Pan American Airways launched the first international flight (**1927**)
- Charles Lindberg completed the first solo flight across the Atlantic (**1927**)
- Sky Harbor Airport opened in **1929**

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1930s

Discovery of Pluto at Lowell Observatory February 16, **1930**
Boulder Dam completed (**1936**)
There were 20 schools in the PESD #1 system in **1931**
North High School opened (**1939**)

1940s

1943 – Fredrick Douglas School closes
1945 – Mary McLeod Bethune School (1310 S. 15th Avenue)
1947 – Abraham Lincoln School rebuilt on new site (11th St & Henshaw)
1947 – District Administration moves to new site (Old Lincoln, 125 E. Lincoln)
1948 – Thomas Alva Edison School (910 N 18th Street)
1949 – Monterey Park School (Northeast corner of 3rd St & Oak)
Pearl Harbor is bombed by the Japanese December 7, **1941**
Silvestre S. Herrera received the Congressional Medal of Honor (**1945**)
Harmon Park opens (**1948**)
In the Spring of **1941**, there were 318 teachers in the PESD#1 system
KPHO-TV first Phoenix TV Station (**1948**)

1950s

1951 – Adeline Gray School opens (201 E. Durango)
1952 – Maie Bartlett Heard School opens (2301 W. Thomas Rd)
1952 – John Adams School renamed Grace Court
1957 – Silvestre Santana Herrera School (1350 S. 11th Street)
1958 – George Washington School renamed Faith North School
Disneyland opened in **1955**
The first plastic Hula Hoop was manufactured (**1958**)
Wallace and Ladmo show began April 1, **1954**
Park Central Mall opened (**1957**)
Brown vs. Board of Education (**1954**)
Jack Williams served on the PESD#1 school board (**1951-1954**) becoming Phoenix mayor in **1955**

1960s

1960 – Robert Louis Stevenson School renamed Ann Ott Elementary School
President John F. Kennedy was assassinated November 22, **1963**
Barry Goldwater (Kenilworth alum) ran for President of the US (**1964**)
Martin Luther King spoke at ASU and Tanner Chapel (**1964**)
Jack Williams becomes Governor of Arizona (**1966**)
Phoenix Suns Basketball team starts (**1968**)
Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon (**1969**)
PESD#1 has 25 schools

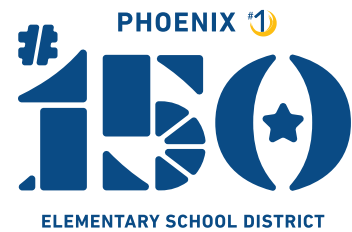
1970s

1972 – James Monroe School closes
1974 – William McKinley School closes
1976 – Grace Court School closes
1977 – Andrew Jackson School closes
1977 – Accelerated Learning Procedures opens at Monterey Park School
1979 – Faith North School Closes
Phoenix Elementary School District #1 celebrates 100 years of service to Phoenix students (**1971**)
Valley Bank Center (now Chase Tower) opened in **1973**, the tallest building in Arizona
The first Star Wars movie opened in May **1977**
Caesar Chavez fasted 24 days for farm workers' rights, Santa Rita Hall, Phoenix (**1972**)
Margaret Hance, a Kenilworth alum, becomes first female mayor of Phoenix (**1976**)
Raul Hector Castro elected governor of Arizona **1974**

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1980s

- 1981** – Augustus H. Shaw School (13th St & Washington)
- 1981** – “Old” Ralph Waldo Emerson School renamed Emerson Court (7th Street & Palm Lane)
- 1981** – “New” Ralph Waldo Emerson school located just east of original site (915 E. Palm Lane)
- 1985** – Abraham Lincoln School closes
- Pope John Paul II comes to Phoenix (**1987**)
- The Cardinals moved to Phoenix from St. Louis (**1988**)
- Sandra Day O’Connor appointed to the US Supreme Court (**1981**)
- Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Plant opens (**1986**)
- Phoenix Grand Prix held in downtown Phoenix (**1989**)

1990s

- 1990** – District Administration offices open in Emerson Court
- 1992** – Phoenix Preparatory Academy (Southeast corner 7th St and Fillmore)
- 1997** – Magnet Traditional School replaces Grand Avenue School (2602 N 23rd Avenue)
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone was first published in the US (**1998**)
- The temperature hit 120 degrees in Phoenix June 25, **1990**
- The final section of I-10 through Arizona completed in August **1990**
- The first MP3 player was created (**1997**)
- Tempe Lake is completed (**1999**)

2000s

- 2001** – Adeline Gray School closes
- 2003** – Faith North Montessori opens (910 E. Washington)
- 2005** – Ann Ott School closes
- 2009** – Phoenix Preparatory Academy became ASU Preparatory Academy

2010s

- 2016** – Shaw Montessori School opens
- 2016** – Faith North Early Childhood Learning Center opens (new info)
- 2018** – Accelerated Learning Procedures Closes at Monterey Park School
- The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) opens (**2010**)
- Zoom was launched in **2013**
- Superbowl XLIX held in University of Phoenix Stadium (**2015**)

2020s

- 2021** – Phoenix iAcademy opens
- Covid-19 pandemic
- Phoenix is the fifth largest city in the nation with a population of 1,733,630 residents
- 5191 students enrolled in grades K-8 in Phoenix Elementary School District #1 (**2021**)
- 385 teachers + 581 administrators and support staff
- Phoenix Elementary School District #1 celebrates 150 years!

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