

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL

In September, 1932, the doors of one of the most modern schools in the country opened in Hampton, Virginia. Phenix Training School was named in honor of Dr. George P. Phenix, who was president of Hampton Institute at that time. Owned and operated by Hampton Institute, the school was built to serve as the laboratory school for teacher training. Students from all grade levels one through eleven attended the school. At the beginning, it was a private school for students whose parents were granted permission and/or paid a small fee for children to attend. During the late thirties and early forties, Elizabeth City County and the City of Hampton, leased the building, and it became a public school with the teacher training program still operated by Hampton Institute. In the late fifties, the name changed to Phenix High School.

In 1962, the City owned Phenix High School moved to a new location on LaSalle Avenue. Because of the integration of public schools in Hampton, the 1967-1968 term was the last for Phenix High School. The name was changed to Pembroke High School.

The following persons served as principals:

1931 - 1940	Ian Ross
1940 - 1941	Carl Hill
1941 - 1948	John M. Botts
1948 - 1950	G. James Gholson
1950 - 1954	Clifford B. Howlette
1954 - 1966	G. W. Stevenson
1966 - 1968	D. J. Montague