



History of Lincoln Elementary

Beginning

Open 1891- Serves children of West Washington Park and Baker

1920's- Mayor Robert Speer pushed City Beautiful movement creates more schools near city parks



Lincoln circa 1930

Middle

1970-81- Population of Baker and La Alma decreases homes are demolished in order to accommodate industrial construction. 75% Hispanic, 5% white, 20% black. Baker is seen as an affordable option for (white) first time home buyers, displacing Hispanic residents.



Lincoln circa 1976



Now

1998-2007- Principal Daphne Hunter

2001- Low enrolment- Lincoln slated to close

2001-Fire at Washington Park Montessori school. Lincoln housed the Primary classroom. Daphne liked the model and saw the interest of people in the neighborhood. Montessori could be a means to save Lincoln.

2003- Montessori Program Begins with 1 primary classroom
Traditional classrooms are combined K/1, 2/3, 4/5

2004- Second Montessori Primary classroom
First Montessori elementary classroom

2005- Third Montessori Primary classroom

2007-2010- Principal Dianne Smith
First Montessori Upper Elementary classroom
Traditional classrooms are separated

2008- third Montessori Lower Elementary classroom
Distinguished- highest performing school in DPS under new ranking system

2010-Present- Principal Janice Spearman
Distinguished ranking

2011- Second Montessori Upper Elementary classroom
Distinguished ranking

2016- School is above capacity
Meets ranking under new SPF system