

Orange County

Civil Rights Movement Highlights

1936

Hillsborough High School for Negroes built; 12-room building, grades 1-11. Had only library for Negro community. Only school for Blacks in Orange County (exc. CH). Many students walked for miles to attend.

Hillsborough High School for Negroes



1942

Albert Leon Stanback (math teacher and coach) becomes principal of all-Black high school. Renames school to Central High School. Lobbies for building of elementary school for Black students.



Dramatics Club

Early 1950s

New Black elementary school, Cedar Grove Elementary, opens.

1958

Main building of Central High burns down; new one built in early 1960s.

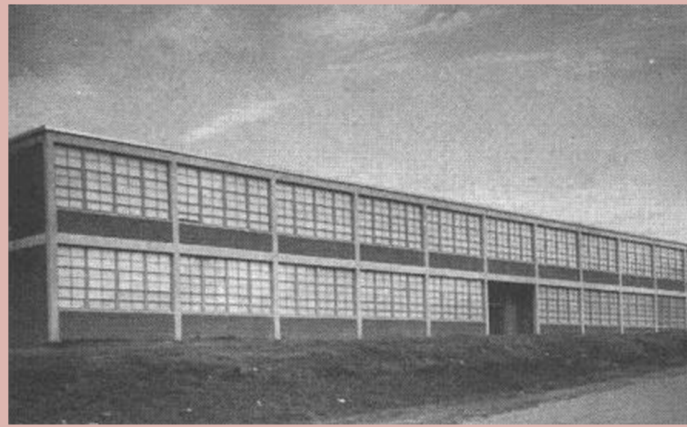


1964

Albert Stanback dies. Mr. James Murfee becomes principal. All-white Orange High opened.

1960s

Some black students resist integration but later fight for integration and equality. Students organize marches, rallies, non-violent protests, bring in speakers such as Howard Fuller and Ben Ruffine; Black students at Orange joined Central students.



1968

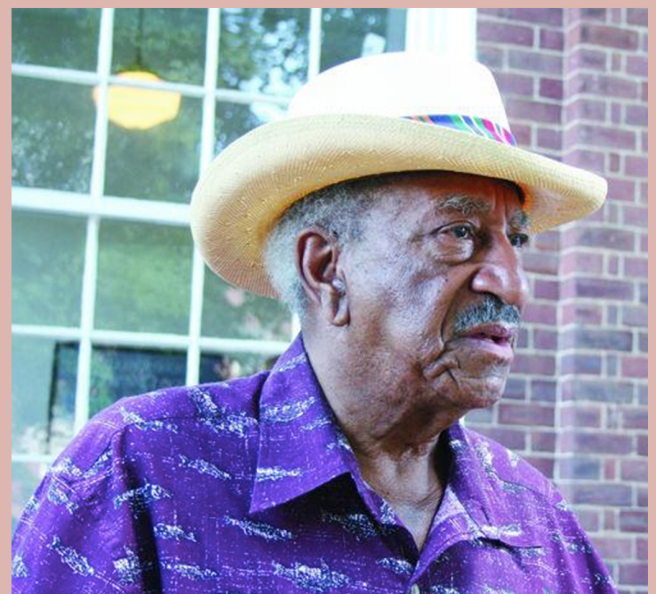
Teacher Caleb Moore leads peaceful non-violent march in downtown Hillsborough after Dr. King's assassination. Rallies held in McPherson's ballpark.

Last class graduates from Central. All black students go to Orange High.



Early 1969

First year of integrated Orange High; basketball team wins state championship led by four former-Central students: Roosevelt Chavious, Fred Chavious, Johnnie Crump, and Calvin Wade.



1975

Al Stanback Middle School dedicated.

1989

Civil rights leader Horace Johnson becomes first black mayor of Hillsborough.