

This beautiful building was built as Quincy High School. Construction of the building commenced in 1931 and was completed in 1933. As the years went by, the school became too small and in 1957 this building became Quincy Junior High School with Quincy Senior High moving to 30th and Maine Streets.

The building has a cut stone foundation, brick exterior walls with terra cotta, a flat roof, a tower, some arched windows with terra cotta heading and sills, and arched doors with leaded glass transoms. Eight gargoyles adorn the front and side columns of the main entrance.

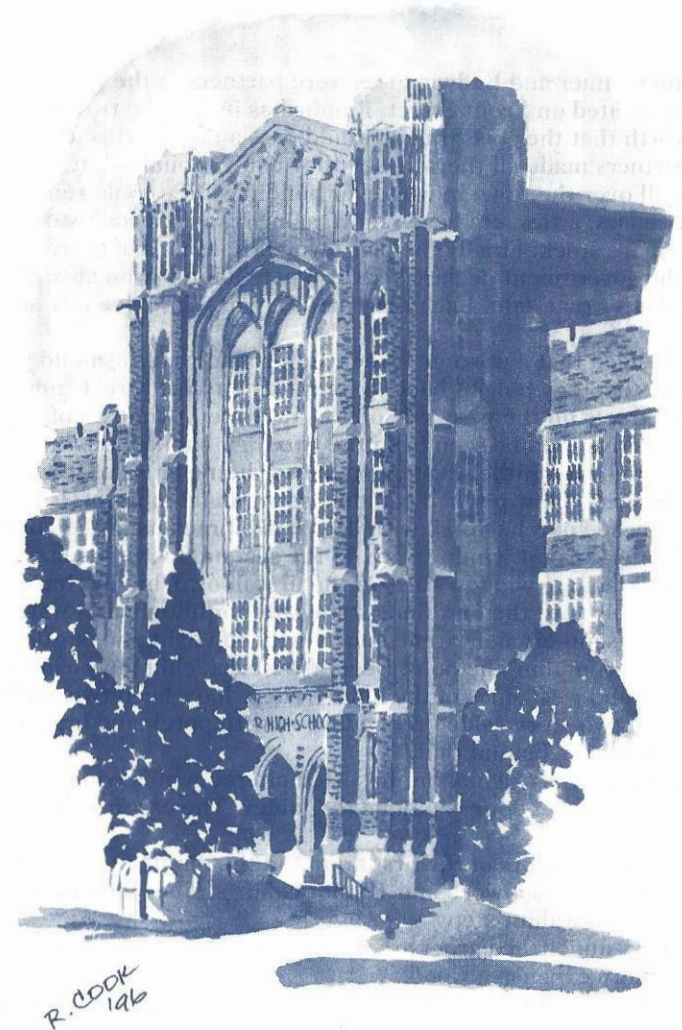
The building features a 2,000 seat art deco auditorium decorated by Benjamin Finkelstein of Kansas City. On the fourth floor there are art glass skylights depicting Quincy history. Woodwork throughout the building is oak with brass fixtures. A greenhouse is located on the south side of the building.

Entering the gym area take note of the tile work. This area once housed a swimming pool. Beneath the auditorium is a rifle range.

Some interesting points to ponder:

1. The final bid for construction went to Kaempfen Construction Company with a bid of \$929,100.
2. Best Company was signed for plumbing and heating with a combined bid of \$188,260.
3. Ventilation was handled by Wurst Hardware Company for \$19,764.
4. Schmidt did the electrical work for \$61,734.
5. The elevator cost \$2,900.
6. The center stair rails cost \$1,400.
7. Other items included: decorating, \$5,000; built-in lockers, \$17,273; hair drying system, \$753; stoker, \$8,850; and electrical equipment including phones and clocks, \$22,908.

This building is truly one of Quincy's finest structures. As you walk the halls think of how many thousands of feet have used these stairs, walked these floors, opened these lockers and absorbed knowledge in the many classrooms.



Quincy Junior High School
(formerly Quincy High School)
100 South 14th Street
Gothic
1933

Architects: John D. Chubb, George Behrensmeyer and Jack Hafner

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
OCTOBER 19, 1996
Current Owner: Quincy Public School District #172