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Photographs of Haskell Students

Haskell Indian Nations University is located in Lawrence, Kansas. It was opened in 1884 as the United States Indian Industrial Training School. It was an off-reservation boarding school for American Indian youth from across the country. Initially serving students younger than 14 years of age, Haskell soon served as a high school as well. By the 1970s the school dropped all lower grades and provided two-year associate's degrees as a junior college. In 1993 it was renamed Haskell Indian Nations University in recognition of the school's four-year college degree programs.

Haskell's history reflects changes in American Indian educational policy and racial relations between American Indians and the government. The following primary documents are provided as evidence to explore those issues

Document C



Haskell students, circa 1920.

Document G



Haskell staff, faculty, and students taken in their football stadium.