

# Historic Central High Tour



## Separate Schools, Separate Educations

*In 1927 the citizens of Little Rock dedicated Little Rock Senior High School, an imposing structure spanning two city blocks and over 150,000 square feet. Soon after it opened, the American Institute of Architects named the building, with its graceful blend of Art Deco and Collegiate Gothic styles, "America's Most Beautiful High School." Renamed Little Rock Central High School in 1963, it was designated a National Historic Site in 1998. It remains an active high school.*

Before the Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in education was unconstitutional, African American students in Little Rock attended Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, dedicated in 1929. Despite its fine academic record, Dunbar received less funding and offered its students fewer courses than Central. Today Dunbar serves as a middle school and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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[No State shall] deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Fourteenth Amendment