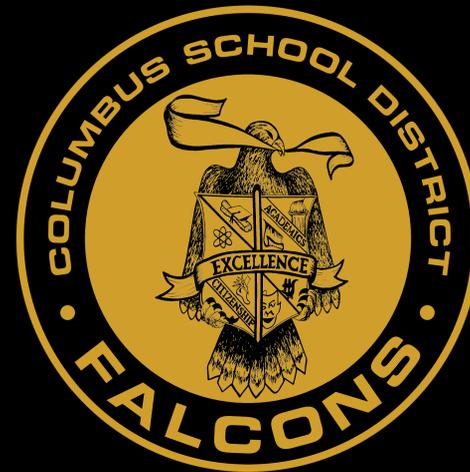


UNION ACADEMY EST. 1865

THE FORMAL EDUCATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN LOWNDES COUNTY BEGAN IN 1865 WITH FREEDMEN SCHOOLS RUN THROUGH THE US BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS. IN 1869, A NEW BUILDING WAS BUILT IN COLUMBUS AND RUN BY BOTH THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU AND THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION. AS EARLY AS 1874, THE SCHOOL WAS REFERRED TO AS UNION ACADEMY. IN 1877 OWNERSHIP OF UNION ACADEMY WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY AND IT BECAME A BRANCH OF FRANKLIN ACADEMY.



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