

History:

- 1876 - the first school in Orange City was built
- The first school board: Dr. Seth French, J. E. Stillman, J. C. Thorpe, Freeman Grover, and George M. Parker
- First teacher: Emma Taylor
- 1878 - Major Alden organized a public school under the laws of Volusia County; the land was donated by the Wisconsin Co. A wood frame building with an outhouse was built on a ten-acre tract now bordered by French, Leavitt, University, and Orange Avenues.
- October 7, 1921: PTA was organized *
- 1924: the school had grown to four teachers with approximately 120 students. One of the teachers was Mrs. Frances Hodges; her granddaughter is Mrs. Dora Wright.
- 1925: PTA had electricity installed
- 1927 - 1928: a new stucco building was built which is still in use today.
- 1928: the first graduation took place
- 1963: one of the first kindergartens started, Orange City School taught K - 8 at this time
- 1968: OCS received awards for one of the best elementary school media centers in the county
- 1970: portable classrooms were brought in
- 1977: new cafeteria was built
- 1988 - 1989: 2 new buildings east of the original building were built
- 1980's: one brick unit from the Coleman School was moved to OCS from Blue Springs Av. through the middle of Orange City to where it sits today behind the cafeteria.
- 1950's: the start of the Safety Patrols
- 1965-1966: junior and senior high students attended classes in Deland and the Orange City School became Orange City Elementary

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