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mechanics, sewing and crop diversity. The curriculum changed again in 1938 as the school returned to a liberal arts model of education. Reflecting this change, it was renamed Kentucky State College for Negroes. Kentucky State University became the official name in 1972 when the university introduced its first graduate degree — a Master's Degree in public affairs.

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Kentucky State University opened its doors in 1887 as the State Normal School for Colored Persons. Because Kentucky's public education was segregated, the state faced a shortage of qualified African American elementary school teachers. State Normal School trained those teachers.

At the turn of the 20th century, State Normal School began to offer industrial arts classes in line with Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute model. Students learned agricultural and industrial skills such as

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