

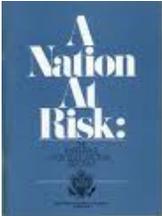
TIMELINE: MOMENTS THAT CHANGED PUBLIC EDUCATION

LOOK BACK AT SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT IMPACTED SCHOOLING IN AMERICA

1635	1857	1879	1896	1918
<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL</p> <p>Boston Latin School, in Massachusetts, opens its doors as the first public secondary school. The school still teaches a “contemporary classical education.”</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTH OF TEACHERS' UNION</p> <p>The National Teachers Association was created to give educators a united front, starting with just 100 members. Today the union is the National Education Association and has more than 3.2 million members.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FORCED SCHOOLING</p> <p>As the main tenet of the effort to assimilate them into Anglo-American culture, Native American children are forced to attend boarding schools where they are required to speak English and attend church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLESSY V FERGUSON</p> <p>The mantra separate but equal stems from this Supreme Court ruling, which legalizes segregation. But institutions, including schools, that are designated for blacks are far inferior to those for whites.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p> <p>All states have laws requiring mandatory school attendance for children through elementary school.</p> 

1920	1925	1946	1954	1957
<p style="text-align: center;">THE BIRDS AND THE BEES</p> <p>Between 20 percent and 40 percent of schools across the country begin teaching sex education, some under the title of “moral education.” Courses become even more widespread over the next three decades.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PIERCE V SOCIETY OF SISTERS</p> <p>This Supreme Court ruling finds that children can't be compelled to attend public school and can instead attend private school.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL LUNCH FOR ALL</p> <p>National School Lunch Act expands access to school lunch by making available low-cost or free lunches for low-income students.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">BROWN V BOARD OF EDUCATION</p> <p>The decision reverses Plessy v Ferguson, ruling that separate is not equal, and outlaws segregation.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">MATH AND SCIENCE TAKE PRECEDENCE</p> <p>The Soviets makes history, launching the Sputnik satellite into orbit and instilling fear in many Americans. This results in funding of more than \$1 billion to revamp science and math curricula in public schools.</p> 

1962	1965	1970	1972	1974
<p align="center">BANNING PRAYER</p> <p>The Supreme Court ruling in Engel v Vitale forbids organized prayer in public schools. The following year, reading the Bible is banned. The cases set a precedent for limiting prayer in public schools.</p>	<p align="center">FEDERAL FUNDING</p> <p>The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 gives federal funding to schools while forbidding a national curriculum.</p> 	<p align="center">TEST RESULTS REPORTED TO GOVERNMENT</p> <p>Standardized testing is used to measure school performance, and scores are not reported to the government and public. The federal government takes a larger role in subsidizing schools and wants them to be held accountable.</p> 	<p align="center">TITLE IX BECOMES LAW</p> <p>Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination based on sex, but becomes known most for legislating equal treatment and opportunity for girls in school athletics.</p> 	<p align="center">LAU V NICHOLS</p> <p>The Supreme Court expands the rights of students who have limited English skills, ruling that they should receive an equal education.</p>

1983	2001	2003	2010
<p align="center">A NATION AT RISK</p> <p>The report, issued by President Ronald Reagan's National Commission on Excellence in Education, points to severe underperformance of American schools.</p> 	<p align="center">NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND</p> <p>Signed into law by President George W. Bush, No Child Left Behind increases federal funding for education and ushers in standards-based reform. Proponents argue that it has increased schools' accountability, while some opponents say it has made testing the focus of education, at the expense of critical thinking.</p> 	<p align="center">GETTING CONNECTED</p> <p>All American schools have access to the Internet, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.</p> 	<p align="center">RACE TO THE TOP</p> <p>President Barack Obama's Race to the Top program ushers in a wave of education reforms as states compete for federal grants in the midst of a recession.</p> 

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