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Education policy

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- the content of this section will most likely not be tested directly on the EAS exam, with the possible exception of the Common Core State Initiative, and the relevant information on that topic will in any case be discussed again in later sections
- nevertheless, this section may contain contextual information that might be of use, for example, while writing the constructed responses

2.1 Committee of Ten

- prior to the late 1800s, American schools varied widely from one region to another in terms of their policies, organization, and guiding philosophies
- in 1892, the National Education Association, a teachers union still in existence today, convened the *Committee of Ten*, consisting of ten prominent figures in higher education, to address this lack of standardization by providing recommendations regarding:

- important curricular knowledge within the major instructional subjects, including Latin, Greek, English, other modern languages, mathematics, and the sciences
 - the structure of elementary and secondary education
 - tracking (??) and course differentiation based on the college studies or working trades students intended to pursue
- the Committee made the following recommendations:
 - each student should receive 12 years of education, including eight years of elementary education and four years of secondary education
 - each subject should be taught in the same way to each student, regardless of what the student is likely to do after school, and regardless of how long the student is likely to remain in school
 - each student should be taught English, mathematics, and history or civics in each year of high school
 - by unifying and standardizing courses of study, teaching and teacher-training would become much simpler
- while the report provided by the Committee of Ten did not bear the force of law, it is indicative of a trend towards standardization that gained momentum in this period
- in addition to the report of the Committee of Ten, there was a trend at this time towards accreditation, examination, and admissions standards, among other bureaucratic means of standardization

References: [Wik20b]

2.2 National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

- the *National School Lunch Program (NSLP)* was created in 1946 by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act¹ to provide free or low-cost lunches to students based on need
- the *Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)* was created in 1968 as an amendment to the National School Lunch Act enabling summer activity programs to ensure that students continue to receive nutritional assistance throughout the summer months

References: [Wik20d, Wik20f]

2.3 *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*

- the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1868, asserts, among other things, that all persons, regardless of citizenship, are entitled to equal protection under the law
- *Plessy v. Ferguson* was an 1896 United States Supreme Court decision, in which the Court established the “separate but equal” doctrine, effectively legalizing school segregation
- *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* was a 1954 United States Supreme Court decision, which found racial segregation of public schools unconstitutional, overturning the “separate but equal” precedent, arguing that it violates the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment

References: [Wik20e, Wik20a]

¹Dick Russell was a racist, and he sponsored the bill to appease his farmer constituents by artificially inflating food prices. He also argued that feeding children is a good way to guarantee a constant supply of healthy individuals to be drafted by the military. Dick's parents named him well.

2.4 National Defense Education Act (NDEA)

- the *National Defense Education Act (NDEA)*, passed in 1958, provided federal funding for education at all levels in the United States, especially in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and foreign languages
- the NDEA was a response to increased demand for scientists and mathematicians in industry, national defense, and higher education:
 - o the Soviets having launched the Sputnik satellite in 1957, leading the Americans to fear that they were falling behind in the race for technological superiority
 - o computers and computer programming becoming increasingly important for industrial and defense purposes
 - o college enrollment increased drastically between 1940 and 1970 while industry was hiring large numbers of mathematicians and scientists, making it difficult for colleges and universities to hire qualified instructors
- the NDEA was an unprecedented instance of federal education legislation, signaling a shift towards increased federal involvement in public education:
 - o education falls primarily under the jurisdiction of state and local authorities
 - o prior to this act, the federal government had promoted education by granting federal land to states, who could then sell the granted land and use the resulting funds to fund colleges and universities
 - o the NDEA, on the other hand, was a much more direct and expansive program, allowing the federal government to provide capital directly

References: [Wik20c]

2.5 Civil Rights Act of 1964

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2.6 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

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2.7 Education Amendments of 1972

2.7.1 Title IX

2.8 Rehabilitation Act of 1973

2.8.1 Section 504

2.9 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

2.10 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

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2.13 Race to the Top

2.14 Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI)

2.15 Next Generation Standards

- in January 2011, New York State adopted the *Common Core State Standards Initiative*, with implementation beginning in September 2012
- in December 2016, New York State adopted Next Generation Science Standards, with implementation beginning in September 2019
- in September 2017, New York State adopted the Next Generation Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics, with implementation slated to begin in September 2020

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