

# What Happened To America's Education?, Part 1



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What used to set America apart from the rest of the world is the quality of education we used to provide to our children. It was world class and at one time second to none. Today, not so much. Our so-called education system is no more than an indoctrination center for leftist ideology. History, at least real history, is no longer taught especially America's history because it is so unique and successful. The reason it was so successful was because it was based on Christian principles. That statement causes liberals' heads to explode but truth is truth.

Our education's primary school book, the New England Primer, that was used from the mid-1600s until the late 1800s is based solely on the Bible. All areas of life were taught using biblical principles. Liberals can deny it but historical facts prove it. ***The first laws providing public education for all children were passed in 1642 in Massachusetts and in 1647 in Connecticut and it was called the "Old Deluder Satan Law". These colonists believed that the proper protection from civil abuses could only be achieved by eliminating Bible illiteracy.***

***"It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of Scriptures, as in former time. . . . It is therefore ordered . . . [that] after the Lord hath increased [the settlement] to the number of fifty householders, [they] shall then forthwith appoint one within***

*their town, to teach all such children as shall resort to him, to write and read. . . . And it is further ordered, that where any town shall increase to the number of one hundred families or householders, they shall set up a grammar school . . . to instruct youths, so far as they may be fitted for the university."* [1] (*emphasis added*)

*Note that they put a premium on the ability to understand the Word of God. Many American literacy laws were directed at the necessity of understanding the Bible.*[1] Note also that the Pilgrims believed that the primary reason for education was to be able to read and understand the Word of God. Most of our then places of higher education were established by ministers to propagate the Christian faith.

Our so-called educators today feel the need to keep the Christian faith and education totally separate that they should not be comingled. Our early educators felt different and because they did comingle them, we led the world in education. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, William and Mary, Dartmouth are just a few that began basically as seminaries. George Washington signed into law on August 7, 1789 the Northwest Ordinance stating: ***Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.***[2]

We have an 'education' system today that hates Christianity but will expose students to the seven pillars of islam. They hate morality and actually demand that they expose students to porn and homosexual methods. Knowledge is not even considered something of importance. Pronouns and gender reassignment is high on their list. Our early educators proved that teaching Christian principles which includes morality and teaching real historical information, math and reading helped develop our students into highly educated people that were capable of becoming responsible people and contributors to society. My granddaughter was homeschooled and graduated at sixteen and

will enter college as a sophomore. I know of the grandson of a friend who was homeschooled that is entering college at the same age.

What we have for an education system today is no more than a joke. Kids don't need pronouns they need math, history and the ability to read. We have major cities, democrat run of course, that have 100% unacceptable results for the money spent to 'educate' the students. ***In 23 Baltimore City Schools, zero students tested proficient in math in 2022, according to a report by Project Baltimore.***

***Through an analysis of 150 Baltimore City Schools, 23 of them, including 10 high schools, eight elementary schools, three high schools and two middle schools, no students met math grade-level expectations, according to a [report](#) by Project Baltimore. Approximately 2,000 students took the state administered math exams that tested proficiency levels.***

***"It just sounds like these schools, now, have turned into essentially babysitters with no accountability," Jovani Patterson, a Baltimore resident who sued the district for not properly educating its students, told [Fox 45 News](#). "This is the future of our city. We've got to change this."***

***An additional 20 schools in the district had no more than two students proficient in math, Project Baltimore reported. Another three schools in the district, which are for incarcerated students and students with disabilities, had no students that met grade-level expectations.***

***Approximately 7% of third through eighth graders at Baltimore City School met grade level expectations in Math in 2022, according to the Maryland State Department of Education.***

***The report on Baltimore City Schools comes as the nation suffers historic learning loss; since 2020, the nation's reading scores [dropped](#) to fall in line with numbers from 1990, while math scores fell for the first time from. Every state***

*has seen a [decline](#) in its students' math scores since 2019.* [3]

How can a public school allow these kinds of results? How are any of these kids going to even try to get into college? I firmly believe that the cost of a college education today is rarely worth it. Why spend \$100,000 – \$150,000 on an education that teaches nothing? Parents have begun to take back school boards, as they should, so their children will have a chance at a decent education. Teachers' unions are another thing that is a major hindrance as is our Department of Justice that has decided to classify parents upset that their elementary school kids are being fed pornography as domestic terrorists. We have waited too long to correct the situation and have allowed too many perverts to be embedded into the school system. We must stand for our kids now to have any kind of hope to turn that ship around.

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### **Foot Notes**

1. Defining America's Exceptionalism, Roger Anghis (Westbow Press, 2011) p. 37
2. Defining America's Exceptionalism, Roger Anghis (Westbow Press, 2011) p. 41
3. [Not one student met grade level expectations for math in 23 Baltimore schools](#)