

A TIMELINE OF ★ U.S. ★ EDUCATION HISTORY

1635

Boston Latin School becomes the first public school in the U.S.

1791

Individual states take control of education when the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified.

1856

The first kindergarten in the United States is founded by Margarethe Schurz in Watertown, Wisconsin.

1867

The first Department of Education is created.

1918

Mandatory school attendance laws are in place in every state.

1926

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is administered for the first time.

1954

The United States Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education* is passed, integrating America's schools.

1965

The Head Start program, an educational preschool program for children from low-income families, is founded by Jule Sugarman.

1973

The first episode of *SchoolHouse Rock!* airs.

1976

Apple Inc. releases its first personal computer, now known as Apple I, and donates computers to schools.

1990

The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) passes, designed to help children with disabilities.

1991

The first interactive whiteboard, which can connect to a computer, is introduced by SMART Technologies.

1992

City Academy High School opens as the nation's first charter school, in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

1994

The first online high school, CompuHigh, opens.

2001

Connections Academy is established with a vision of providing high-quality online education to K-12 students nationwide.



2009

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is launched.

2013

State virtual schools exist in twenty-five states by the beginning of the 2013-14 school year.

2015

The U.S. Senate approves the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), replacing No Child Left Behind.

