

Ch. 6 -
Education Policy

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What type of high school did you attend?

Were you satisfied?

How large was your high school?

Northern Delaware has Court ordered busing, lots 1970's.

- formed 5 regional districts
- Some children attend 3 to 4 schools by end of high school.
- 20% of DE students go to private school.

Schools do more than educate.

- Increase diversity
- Provide values, sense of identity to disadvantaged
- Self esteem
- After-schools and extracurricular activities
- reduce conflict in society
- Health education
- Fight drug abuse

Than Reading,
Writing and
Arithmetic

55 million attend school in USA 41/

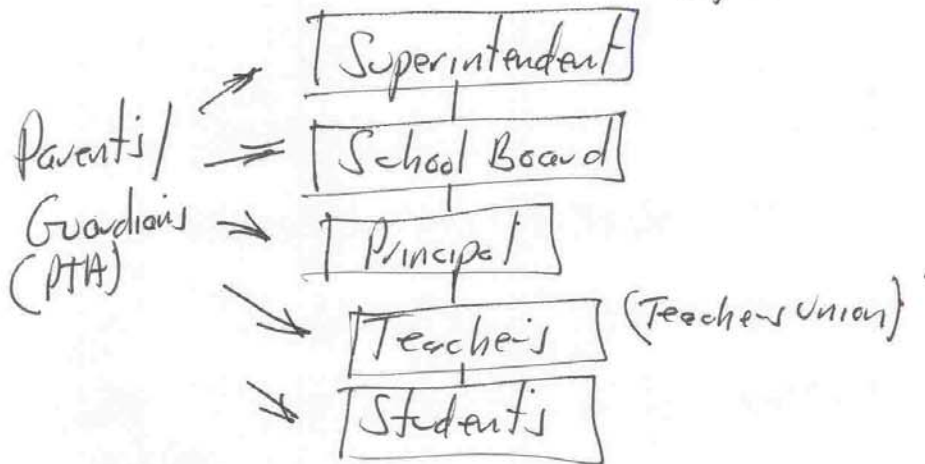
49^m attend public schools (90%)

6 million attend private schools (10%)

Home school

16m in college.

Public School System:

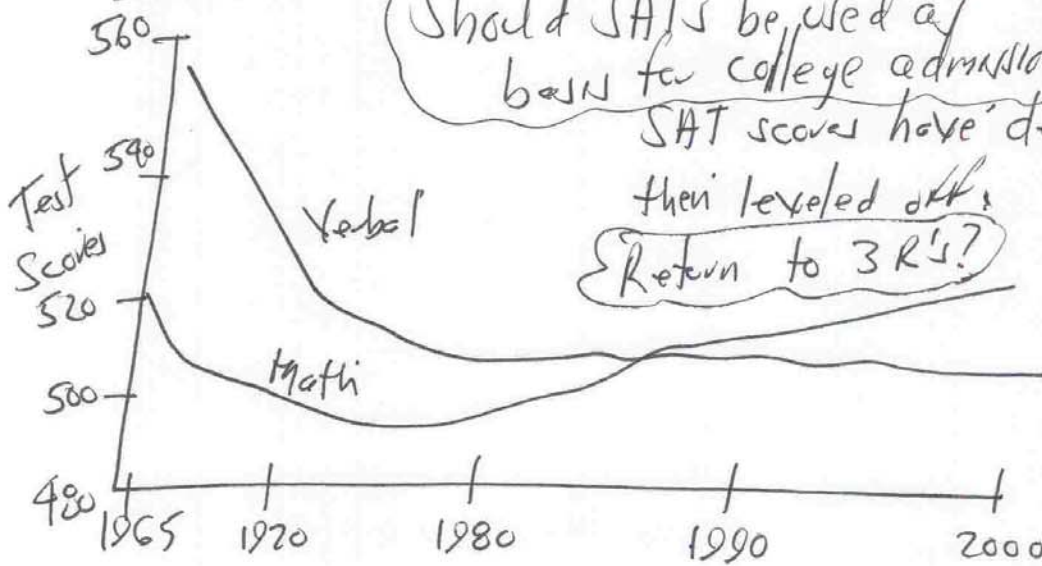


Basics

Parents favor the 3 "R"s, enforcing minimum standards, with test, and testing teachers.

Educators favor emotional growth, getting along with others, cultural enrichment, etc.

Fig. 6-1
SATs



Back to Basics, 1983

- Min. H.S. of English (4 yrs), Math, (3 yrs),
Social science (3 yrs), computer (0.5 yr)
- Foreign Language (4 to 6 yrs)
- Standardized tests
- 200-220 day school yr, now 180 day

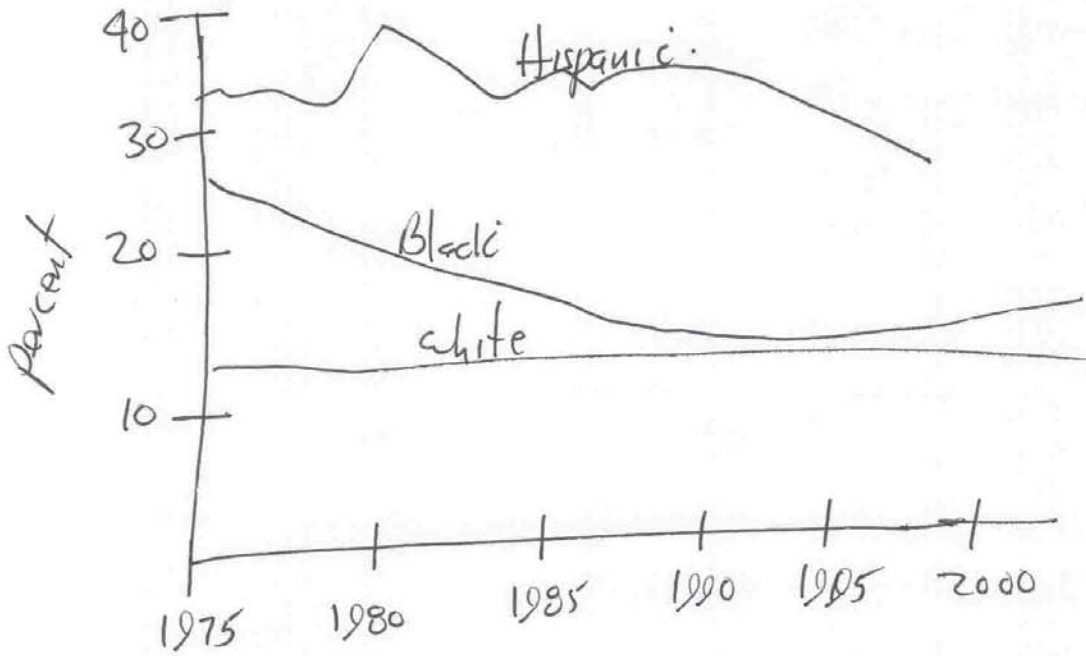
Testing

- Most states require standardized tests
- Racial bias in testing?

Drop out Rate

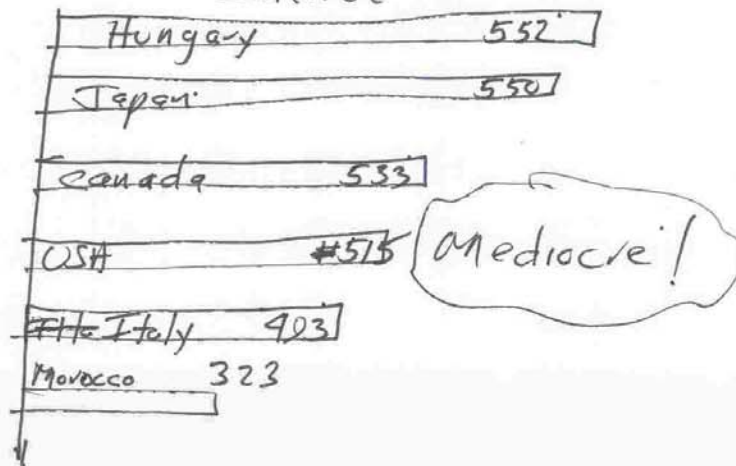
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Fig. 6-3 National Dropout Rate



Comparison with other countries.

Fig. 6-4 Science



Federal Gov't Role

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- U.S. Supreme Court guarantee equality in education.
- State and local taxes pay for 90% of costs of public elementary/secondary education.
- 1787 - Congress offered land grants to universities in new territories.
- 1862 - Morrill Land Grant Act
 - established land-grant colleges.
(UD)
- Head Start - 1960's by LBJ
 - preschool for disadvantaged children.
 - much of value of head start disappears after first few years of school.
- No Child Left Behind (2001)
 - George Bush made education No. 1 priority
 - relies on testing to improve school performance.
 - funding by school districts.
 - Allows choice in sending children to other schools

Testing

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- Teaching to the test - schools teach only what may be on the test.
- Racial Bias - Average black scores are lower than white scores. Courts rule tests are not discriminatory.
- Testing Teachers - Teachers should be tested for certification.
- High stakes testing - some states, like Delaware, require high school students to pass standardized statewide test to graduate.

Parental Choice

Academic achievement is improved where there is a high expectation for achievement.

- Choice Schools - Children are free to enroll at school of their choice thus inducing the schools to compete for students.
- Charter Schools - Community groups sign a charter to form their own school, a publicly funded, private school.
- Magnet School - High schools specialize in math and science, business, vocational.

School Finances

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Nationwide - \$9,000/yr spent on public education per child.

Most schools derive revenues from local property taxes.

There is a financial disparity between wealthy districts and poor school districts in ~~public~~ funding schools.

Higher Education

University of Delaware, a state university, dates to 1743.

Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862 - provided land for states to form land grant colleges, such as UD.

1860's - Eastern states emphasized public ~~universities~~ universities, i.e. SUNY, Rutgers,

Public universities - 75% of college students.

Women outnumber men - \$ 56% to 49% in college.

Federal Aid

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- Federal gov't funds 18% of College.
- Pell Grants - outright grants based on family income.
- Federal Direct Student Loan - Ave = \$9,000 loan.
- College work-study Program
- Federal student aid is politically popular, yet does not meet the demand by students.
- Federal Research Funding -
 - USEPA
 - NSF
 - Navy
 - Others?

Diversity

- Students benefit from interaction with all cultural heritages
- Affirmative Action Programs promote diversity.
- Univ. of DE has criteria that requires job interviews from a diverse applicant pool
- The Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin by recipients of federal financial assistance.

Diversity in Higher Education (cont.)

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- Univ. of Michigan - affirmative action program for under-grad. admissions, Supreme Court rejected an affirmative action plan which favored qualified minority applicants.

Approaches to Diversity

- Admissions plans based on standing among graduates of their high schools.
- Florida, admits top 20% to Fla. state colleges.
- California 4% plan - admits top 4% from each high school to CA state colleges.

U.D. ETHNICITY OF STUDENTS BY TIME STATUS Fall 2001 Through Fall 2005

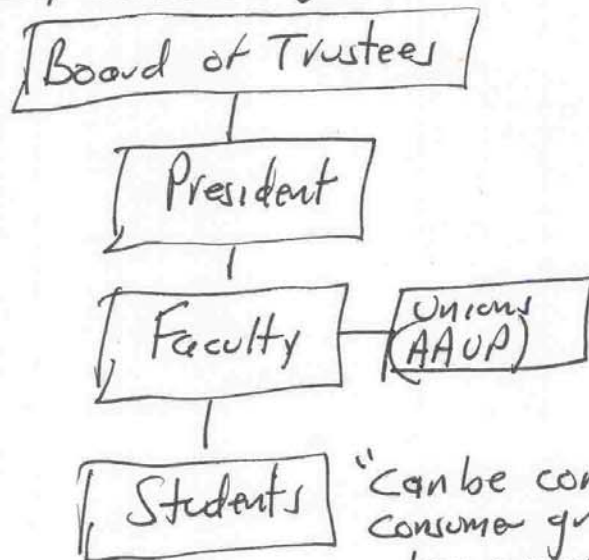
FULL-TIME MATRICULATED STUDENTS ¹	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Undergraduate	15,134	100.0	15,295	100.0	15,331	100.0	15,580	100.0	15,435	100.0
White	13,183	87.1	13,255	86.7	13,126	85.6	13,233	84.9	13,033	84.4
African-American	815	5.4	806	5.3	840	5.5	865	5.6	864	5.6
Hispanic	391	2.6	420	2.7	482	3.1	570	3.7	630	4.1
Asian	420	2.8	451	2.9	508	3.3	524	3.4	537	3.5
Native-American	36	0.2	32	0.2	39	0.3	39	0.3	49	0.3
Non-Resident Alien	153	1.0	166	1.1	159	1.0	158	1.0	116	0.8
Other ²	136	0.9	165	1.1	177	1.2	191	1.2	206	1.3

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Groups in College

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"Can be compared to other consumer groups in society, less organized than groups that provide goods/services".

List the consumer interests of the student.

- ① Political activism
- ② Environment.
- ③ Social life
- ④ Other....
- ⑤ Cost of college.

What is tuition and Room/Board at U.D.?

Prayer in Public Schools

- ① Practice of prayer in public schools prevalent up until a few years ago...
- ② N.Y. state substituted a nondenominational prayer.
- ③ Supreme Court found prayer in public school unconstitutional.
- ④ Now, holidays such as Halloween, Christmas not celebrated at schools.