

MILESTONES IN EDUCATION: CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE

Educational Entity	Initial Advocate(s) and Time Period
The New Testament Gospels	Jesus commands his disciples: "Teaching them" (Matthew 28:20)
The <i>Didache</i> (The Teaching of the Twelve)	Author unknown, ca. A.D. 85-110
Catechetical schools	Justin Martyr, ca. A.D. 150
Cathedral/episcopal schools	Founder unknown, 4th cent.
Monastery/nunnery schools	Founder unknown, 5th cent.
First university (Bologna, Italy)	Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, 1158
Public schools	Martin Luther, 1530s
Universal (education for all)	Martin Luther, 1530s / John Calvin, 1550s
Tax-supported education	Martin Luther and Philipp Melancthon, 1530s
Compulsory education	Martin Luther, 1530s
Graded education	Johann Sturm, 1530s
First American college (Harvard)	New Towne (1636) renamed Harvard College after John Harvard (a clergyman) in 1639
Kindergarten schools	Friedrich Froebel, 1840s
Sunday schools	Robert Raikes, 1780
Deaf education (Europe)	Abbe Charles Michel de l'Epee, 1775
Deaf education (America)	Thomas Gallaudet, 1817
Blind education (France)	Founder unknown, 16th cent.
Blind education (Braille method)	Louis Braille, 1834