

Multicultural Education Timeline: Mendez v. Westminster and The California Board of Education

As we observed earlier on the timeline, the 14th Amendment would become a key cornerstone with regards to Court rulings and civil rights. While Brown v. Board of Education is arguably the most notable rulings in ending segregation in schools and propelling equal education forward, it was Mendez v. Westminster that set the precedence for these future cases. With the ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals on Mendez v. Westminster, California became the first state to find that segregation of schools was discrimination and interfered with providing equal education for all students. The ruling would end the reign of “whites only” schools in California. This new precedence would overturn the previous concept of Plessy v. Ferguson which determined educational segregation to be “separate but equal”.

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