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A BRIEF HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN AMERICA

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¹BETWEEN 1852 AND 1913, COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAWS ARE ENACTED IN ALL STATES.

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>STAGES</u>	<u>CHARACTERISTICS</u>
1642 – 1821	“Permissive Era”	Government permitted schools; Complete Parental Authority
1826 – 1851	“Encouraging Era”	Government encourages schools; Parental Authority
1855 – 1980	“Compulsory Era”	Government compels ¹ schools; Decline of Parental Authority
1980 – 2001	“School Choice Era”	Government relaxes rules; Increased Parental Options; Home Schooling, Charters, etc.

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1790 - The State Constitution that year ordered the government to establish schools throughout the State to such an extent that the poor would be "taught gratis."

1802 - "Poor Laws," were passed in 1802, 1804, and 1809 and called for free education for the poor only.

1834 - Common School Act is passed in Pennsylvania. To read about that law, see:

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/school_preservation/2404/historic_educational_resources_of_pennsylvania/293122.

The Free Schools Law, passed in 1834, finally projected a system for the entire population.

1874 - The Constitution that year made public schools mandatory for all districts.

1895 - Mandatory attendance enacted in 1895, only for ages 8 - 13, and for only sixteen weeks each year.

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1895 - By this time, universities had already existed in the major cities of Philadelphia (Penn in 1740) and Pittsburgh (Pitt in 1787) for more than one-hundred years, so those universities could easily provide the teachers needed in those cities. But training teachers in the rural parts of the state were another matter.

As the states compelled mandatory education for all—not just poor—students in every village and town across the land, the need for teachers to teach in those new “public” schools grew rapidly, and private, 2-year “normal schools” had been established by citizens in rural areas to fill that need.

1910 - The initially private State Normal Schools resolved to convert from 2-year to four-year teacher preparation programs starting in the fall of 1910.

1911 - A revised School Code was enacted that year which, among other things, authorized the PA Board of Education to purchase the State Normal Schools. Prior to outright purchase, the State Normal Schools received State subsidy.

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1914 – California Normal School was purchased by the State in 1914. And after being founded as a private academy and seminary in 1852, Cal U as it is now known has been a State institution of higher education for the past 100 years.

1928 - California Normal changed its name to California State Teachers' College.

1960 – California State Teachers' College became California State College.

1983 – California State College became California University of Pennsylvania.

With the exception of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, which gained its university status prior to 1983, the early history of the thirteen other State Universities is very similar. They all began as private institutions and eventually were purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania first as “normal schools,” and later State colleges and universities.

The initial founding dates of the fourteen private institutions that would come to be known as the PASSHE Universities are shown on the next slide and range from 1837 to 1893.

FOUNDING DATES OF THE FOURTEEN PASSHE UNIVERSITIES - THEY ALL BEGAN AS PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE 19TH CENTURY

