

# Six Generations of Civil Rights in Education

Since 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court ruling, great strides have been made in schools. But the fact remains that equity in schools has still not been reached. But for students – who by virtue of their race, ethnic background, sex or national origin are deprived of their civil rights and an equal opportunity to a quality education – equity is a promise they are depending on for their future. Ever since the landmark ruling, our nation has progressed through a series of phases – or generations – of civil rights in education...



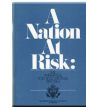
NCLB as updated by the current administration's Blueprint for Reform



State and national government reform efforts, starting with the national governors meeting on education challenging the country to look forward to the new century, as a marker for how public education should support excellence for all.



No Child Left Behind Act passage, starting with the educational and civil rights conversation, challenging public schools to be accountable for disaggregated student achievement outcomes



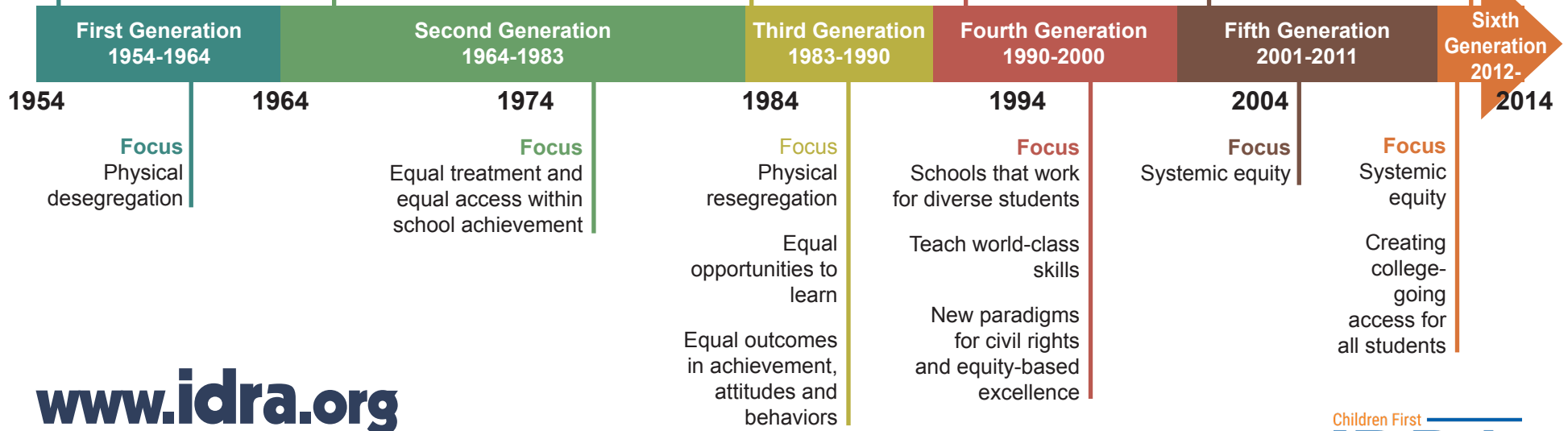
State-driven reform efforts, starting with the report, A Nation at Risk, refocused the civil rights conversation on issues beyond just access alone.



Starting with passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, legislation, redefined the civil rights landscape



Starting with Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas, litigation, shaped civil rights



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