

# Brown v. Board of Education

347 U.S. 483 (1954)

## Keyword Subject

Separate but Equal, Education

## Facts

Segregation in public education, under separate-but-equal laws.  
Brown challenged the constitutionality of segregation in public schools.

## Procedural History

District court upheld segregation under *Plessy v. Ferguson*

## Issue

Does segregation violate the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment?

## Holding: Yes

## Principle

Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal

## Reasoning

Segregation generates a feeling of inferiority, harmful to education

## Separate Opinions

Judges: Concurring opinions emphasized psychological harm

## Notes