



The Fight for Education Equity in New York City

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MCNY Online Exhibitions and Lesson Plans

Activist New York traces 400 years of social activism in New York City, including the story of civil rights in New York City from abolition to #BlackLivesMatter and featuring the stories of **Ella Baker, Milton Galamison, and the 1964 School Boycott**. Find primary sources, historical context, and lesson plans at activistnewyork.mcny.org

MCNY Lesson Plans, including lessons that examine the intersection of civil rights and labor rights and the **1968 Ocean Hill-Brownsville Teachers Strike and community control movement**, can be found at mcny.org/lesson-plans

Digital Resources

Matthew Delmont's *Why Busing Failed: Race, Media, and the National Resistance to School Desegregation* (University of California Press, 2016) and companion website available at whybusingfailed.com

Adam Sánchez's "The Largest Civil Rights Protest You've Never Heard of: Teaching the 1964 New York City School Boycott." *Rethinking Schools* (Winter 2019-20). Lesson plan at rethinkingschools.org/articles/the-largest-civil-rights-protest-you-ve-never-heard-of

Harlem Education History Project's digital exhibitions focus on the experiences of Black and Latinx students, teachers, and parents in Harlem from the 1950s to the 1970s. Visit harlemeducationhistory.library.columbia.edu/collection/exh

"School Colors," a podcast by Brooklyn Deep that examines the history and contemporary landscape of education in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Listen at schoolcolorspodcast.com

"Nice White Parents," a podcast by Serial and the *New York Times* about the relationship between white parents and New York City public schools. Listen at nytimes.com/2020/07/23/podcasts/nice-white-parents-serial.html

OK Boomer, documentary short film by Amrit Cheng, which follows the Teens Take Charge campaign of school strikes over four months. Find the video at teenstakecharge.com

Contemporary News Articles

Nikole Hannah Jones, "[Choosing a School for My Daughter in a Segregated City,](#)" *New York Times*, June 9, 2016.

Eliza Shapiro, "[Segregation Has Been the Story of New York City's Schools for 50 Years,](#)" *New York Times*, March 26, 2019.

Christina Veiga, "[Turning up the pressure for integration, NYC students plan citywide school boycott,](#)" *Chalkbeat*, February 5, 2020.

Nick Juravich, et al, "[A Chalkbeat roundtable: What New York City is still learning from its teacher strikes of 1968,](#)" *Chalkbeat*, October 18, 2018.

Academic Books and Articles

Adina Back, "Exposing the 'Whole Segregation Myth': The Harlem Nine and New York City's School Desegregation Battles" in *Freedom North: Black Freedom Struggles Outside the South, 1940-1980*, Jeanne Theoharis and Komozi Woodard, eds. (New York: Palgrave, 2003): 65-91.

Matt Delmont, *Why Busing Failed: Race, Media, and the National Resistance to School Desegregation* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2016).

Ansley T. Erickson and Ernest Morrel, eds., *Educating Harlem: A Century of Schooling and Resistance in a Black Community* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2019). Digital open-source version: harlemeducationhistory.library.columbia.edu/book

Milton Arthur Galamison and Clarence Taylor, *Knocking at Our Own Door: Milton A. Galamison and the Struggle to Integrate New York City Schools* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997).

Jesse Hagopian and Denisha Jones, *Black Lives Matter at School: An Uprising for Racial Justice* (New York: Haymarket Books, 2020).

Heather Lewis, *From Brownsville to Bloomberg: Community Control and its Legacy* (New York: Teachers College Press, 2013).

Brian Purnell and Jeanne Theoharis, eds., *The Strange Career of the Jim Crow North* (New York: New York University Press, 2019).

Jerald Podair, *The Strike That Changed New York: Blacks, Whites, and the Ocean Hill Brownsville Crisis* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004).

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