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**Injustice &  
Integration:**

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# Resource Guide

This resource guide accompanies the exhibit *Injustice & Integration: 70 Years of Brown v. Board of Education*. It includes sites to visit in Delaware and sources to learn more about the history of school integration and related subjects.

## Museums, Markers, and Historical Sites

Visit sites in Delaware connected to the Belton (Bulah) v. Gebhart case that became part of Brown v. Board of Education and to the school integration efforts that followed.

### **Brown v Board of Education Historical Marker NCC-138**

500 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801

[The Historical Marker Database](#)

### **Claymont Community Center**

3301 Green St, Claymont, DE 19703

[claymontcenter.org](http://claymontcenter.org)

### **Howard High School Historical Marker NC-82**

1301 Clifford Brown Walk, Wilmington, Delaware 19802

[The Historical Marker Database](#)

### **Hockessin Colored School #107C Historical Marker NC-194**

4266 Millcreek Road, Hockessin, Delaware

[The Historical Marker Database](#)

### **Hockessin Colored School #107C Center for Diversity, Inclusion & Social Equity**

4266 Millcreek Road, Hockessin, Delaware 19707

The school that Shirley Bulah attended officially closed in 1959. The site is now the Center for Diversity, Inclusion & Social Equity.

[hockessincoloredschool107.org](http://hockessincoloredschool107.org)



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#### **Louis L. Redding City County Building Marker**

North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801  
[The Historical Marker Database](#)

#### **Louis L. Redding Comprehensive High School Historical Marker NCC-240**

303 East Lake Street, Middletown, Delaware 19709  
[The Historical Marker Database](#)

#### **Louis Lorenzo Redding, Esq. Historical Marker**

East 11th Street and Wilson Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801  
[The Historical Marker Database](#)

#### **Milford Museum**

121 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware 19963  
[milforddemuseum.org](http://milforddemuseum.org)

#### **Milford's Struggle for Educational Equality Historical Marker SC-184**

Milford Middle School, 612 Lakeview Avenue Milford, Delaware 19963  
[Delaware Public Archives](#)

#### **Old Claymont High School Historical Marker NC-99**

3301 Green Street at Larson, Claymont, Delaware 19703  
[The Historical Marker Database](#)

#### **Redding House Museum and Community Center**

310 East 11th Street, Wilmington Delaware 19801  
[reddinghousefoundation.com](http://reddinghousefoundation.com)



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## Read, Listen & Watch

### Podcasts & Interviews

#### ***A More Just Delaware***

##### **Episode 2: “Brown v. Board of Education” featuring Kathy Trusty**

Delaware Humanities’ 2024 podcast *A More Just Delaware* highlights pivotal moments and legislation related to hate, prejudice, and the fight for equal rights for all in Delaware from the 1950s to today. Learn about Delaware’s history and current landscape through a series of interviews with Delaware representatives, legislators, tribal leaders, and pillars of our community. This episode, featuring educator Kathy Trusty, looks at Delaware’s complex history of school segregation and its lasting impact on Delaware’s school system today. *A More Just Delaware* is produced in partnership with [Delaware Public Media](#).

#### ***ExtraOrdinary Districts***

##### **“Special Edition: The Milford 11” featuring Karin Chenoweth**

In a special edition of *ExtraOrdinary Districts* podcast, Education Trust’s writer-in-residence Karin Chenoweth explores the story of the Milford 11, using archival audio from participants and an interview with Northwestern University historian [Brett V. Gadsden](#), who helps put the events of 1954 into perspective. *ExtraOrdinary Districts* is produced by [The Education Trust](#).

##### **“Did busing work in New Castle County schools?”**

As the debate over [the legacy of school busing programs](#) continues on the presidential campaign trail, we look back at the history in New Castle County. Did the court-ordered program ultimately achieve racial integration and help close the achievement gap for black students there? University of Delaware law professor Leland Ware explains. This segment is produced by [WHYY](#).

##### **“Desegregation stalwarts, honored by ACLU, recall 1970s’ struggles”**

Delaware Public Media contributor Larry Nagengast reported on the Wilmington school desegregation case from 1973 through 1976 and the start of school desegregation in New Castle County in 1978. This segment is produced by [Delaware Public Media](#).



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### Documentaries & Videos

#### ***In Due Course: Integrating Milford High School***

In May, 1954, the *Brown v. Board of Education* by the Supreme Court decision ruled segregation in the country's public schools unconstitutional. That September, Milford, Delaware attempted to integrate its high school. This documentary traces the history of desegregating the country's public schools and that initial failed attempt in Milford. The program then profiles the changes that led to the successful attempt in 1962.

*Produced by 302 Stories, Inc., and funded by Berkana, Center for Media and Education, Inc. and Delaware Humanities.*

#### ***"Belton (Bulah) v. Gebhart: The Fight to End School Segregation in Delaware"***

This short video is part of *Speaking of Delaware*, a series of short videos presented by the Delaware Historical Society and produced by Short Order Production House.

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#### ***"Brown v Board of Education: A Tale of 3 (Delaware) Schools"***

Join the National Trust for a webinar about the role of the three sites in Delaware : Claymont High School (Claymont Community Center), Hockessin Colored School#107C, and Howard High School (Howard School of Technology), in desegregating America's school system. In addition to sharing history about the case, this session will also include updates on the National Trust's work to preserve and tell the full story of *Brown v. Board*.

*National Trust for Historic Preservation. This webinar took place on March 30, 2022.*

#### ***"Thurgood Marshall and Brown v. Board of Education"***

Thurgood Marshall was a pioneering civil rights attorney who won the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education*, helping to end segregation in American schools.

*NBC News Learn.*



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### Books & Articles

#### ***The Milford Eleven***

Camp, Orlando J., and Ed Kee. Cedar Tree Books, Ltd, 2011.

Orlando Camp was one of the 11 students who attempted to integrate Milford High School in 1954. In this book, he shares what he and 10 other students experienced in the fall of 1954.

#### ***Brown v. Board of Education: Caste, Culture, and the Constitution***

Cottrol, Robert J, Raymond T Diamond and Leland B Ware. University Press of Kansas, 2003.

Brown not only changed the national equation of race and caste—it also changed our view of the Court's role in American life. The dramatic story of the road to and from Brown, despite the retrenchments of recent years, needs to be heard anew...this book invites readers to walk that road again and appreciate the lasting importance of what is indisputably a landmark case.

#### ***Allies for Justice: How Louis Redding and Collins Seitz Changed the Complexion of America's Schools***

Doyle, Kathleen Marie. DelDove Publishing, 2022.

*Allies for Justice* situates the historic fight for desegregation rights where Delaware students live. Readers will learn how Delaware history became U.S. history, playing a key role in the heroic story of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement.

#### ***Hockessin Colored School #107C***

Edwards, Lanette R. Arcadia Publishing, 2023.

Hockessin Colored School #107C became a catalyst for the groundbreaking school desegregation case *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. This seldom-told story is among the nation's unsung heroes of public education with a life and legacy that spanned over 180 years.

#### **"The Courts, the Legislature, and Delaware's Resegregation: Report on School Segregation in Delaware, 1989-2010"**

Niemeyer, Arielle, Jennifer Ayscue, John Kuscera, Gary Orfield, and Genevieve Siegel-Hawley. UCLA: The Civil Rights Project / Proyecto Derechos Civiles. ([Read article here.](#))





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#### ***Integrating Delaware: The Reddings of Wilmington***

Woolard-Provine, Annette. University of Delaware Press, 2003.

*Integrating Delaware: The Reddings of Wilmington* tells the story of Delaware's most nationally influential African-American family and reflects the story of the American black middle class in the twentieth century. The Reddings took the lead in integrating Delaware, and played a hand on the national stage, as well. Theirs is a compelling story of the victories, missteps, sacrifice, and pain of an extraordinary American family.

#### ***Brown at 50: The Unfinished Legacy: A Collection of Essays***

Rhode Deborah L, Ogletree Jr, Charles. The American Bar Association, 2004.

This commemorative book contains insightful essays reflecting on the Supreme Court's landmark 1954 Brown decision.

#### ***All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on The First Half-Century of Brown v Board of Education***

Ogletree, Charles J Jr. W. W. Norton and Company 2004.

In what John Hope Franklin calls "an essential work" on race and affirmative action, Charles Ogletree, Jr., tells his personal story of growing up a "Brown baby" against a vivid pageant of historical characters that includes, among others, Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King, Jr., Earl Warren, Anita Hill, Alan Bakke, and Clarence Thomas. A measured blend of personal memoir, exacting legal analysis, and brilliant insight, Ogletree's eyewitness account of the legacy of Brown v. Board of Education offers a unique vantage point from which to view five decades of race relations in America.

#### ***Between North and South: Delaware, Desegregation and the Myth of American Sectionalism***

Gadsden, Brett. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012.

*Between North and South* chronicles the three-decade-long struggle over segregated schooling in Delaware, a key border state and important site of civil rights activism and white reaction. Historian Brett Gadsden begins by tracing the origins of a long litigation campaign by NAACP attorneys who translated popular complaints about the inequities in Jim Crow schooling into challenges to racial proscriptions in public education.



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## Web Resources

### Educator Resources & Web Guides

#### **Educator Resources: Timeline of Events Leading the *Brown v. Board of Education* Decision of 1954**

National Archives

A comprehensive timeline of events and court cases and their significance from the 1857 *Dred Scott* case that denied citizenship to Black people in the United States to *Brown v. Board of Education*.

#### **Milestone Documents: *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)**

National Archives

The full text of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, accompanied by a guide for teaching this document.

#### **Separate Is Not Equal. “*Brown v Board of Education*”**

Smithsonian National Museum of American History

An interactive web guide covering segregation in the United States in the wake of the Civil War through the *Brown v. Board* decision.

### Current Legal Action for Educational Equity

#### **Equity in Education**

Read about ACLU Delaware’s work for Equity in Education in our state. This page include a report on school data in Delaware and ways that Delawareans can help work towards educational equity.