



## FREE

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## UNIVERSAL

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## COMPULSORY

- 1966 - International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (article 14)
- 1989 - Convention on the Rights of the Child (article 28)



## HIGHER / VOCATIONAL / ADULTS

- 1948 - Universal Declaration of Human Rights (article 26)
- 1966 - International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (article 13)
- 1976 - UNESCO Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education
- 1989 - Convention on the Rights of the Child (article 28)
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- 1993 - UNESCO Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher in Education
- 1997 - UNESCO Hamburg Declaration on Adult Learning, 1997
- 2007 - Council of Europe- Recommendation on the public responsibility for higher education and research



## CURRICULUM

- 1948 - Universal Declaration of Human Rights (article 26)
- 1985 - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: General Comment 21
- 1989 - Convention on the Rights on the Child (article 29)
- 1989 - ILO Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries (article 27)
- 1991 - Committee on the Rights of the Child: General Comment 17



## TEACHERS

- 1960 - UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education, 1960 (article 4)
- 1966 - International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (article 13)
- 1966 - UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers
- 1997 - UNESCO Recommendation concerning the status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel

The Right to Education Index framework is not an exhaustive list. The following definitions are useful in identifying international law protecting the right to education:

**Committee Recommendations and General Comments** are interpretations of the law made by Committee experts. They are a source of law but not at the same level of Treaties and Declarations which have been adopted by States.

**Conventions, Covenants, Treaties, and Charters** are only legally binding when both adopted and ratified by states.

**Declarations and Minimum Standards** are common standards agreed by states but are not legally binding.

**Rules and Frameworks** depend on the intergovernmental body that drafts them, some are legally binding while others are not. For instance, the UN Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty is legally binding while the UNESCO Salamanca Statement and Framework for Action on Special Needs Education is not.



## NON DISCRIMINATORY

- INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**
- 1960 - UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education (article 1 & 2)
- 1989 - ILO Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries (article 27)

- INDIGENOUS**
- 1989 - ILO Convention No. 169 Concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries, (article 7, 21, 22 & 26-31)
- 1991 - Committee on the Rights of the Child: General Comment 11
- 2007 - Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, (article 14, 15, 17 & 21)

- RACE**
- 1965 - Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: General Recommendation 27 & 34
- 1966 - Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (article 5 & 7)

- DISABILITIES**
- 1985 - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: General Comment 5
- 1991 - Committee on the Rights of the Child: General Comment 9
- 1994 - UNESCO Salamanca Statement and Framework for Action on Special Needs Education
- 2006 - Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (article 24)

- GENDER**
- 1960 - UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education (article 2)
- 1979 - Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women, (article 10)
- 1985 - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: General Comment 16
- 2007 - Council of Europe- Recommendation on gender mainstreaming in education

- RELIGION**
- 1951 - Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (article 22)



- REFUGEES**
- 1966 - International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (article 18)
- MINORITIES**
- 1992 - Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (article 4)
- MIGRANTS**
- 1960 - UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education (article 3)
- 1965 - Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: General Recommendation 30
- 1990 - Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their families (article 12.4, 30, 43-1 & 45-1)
- 1991 - Committee on the Rights of the Child: General Comment 6
- 2004 - Committee on Migrant Workers: General Comment 1 and 2



## PARENTS & COMMUNITIES

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- 1989 - ILO Convention No. 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries (article 27)
- 1991 - Committee on the Rights of the Child: General Comment 17
- 1992 - Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, 1992 (article 4)
- 2007 - Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (article 14)



## WELLBEING

- 1949 - Geneva Convention IV relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (article 24, 50, 94 & 108)
- 1949 - Geneva convention III relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (article 19, 38, 72 & 125)
- 1949 - Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and Relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts, 1977 (article 48, 52 & 78)
- 1973 - ILO Minimum Age Convention (article 2)
- 1973 - ILO Convention No. 138 on the minimum age for employment (article 2 & 6)
- 1985 - Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: General Comment 12, 14, & 15
- 1989 - Convention on the Rights of the Child (article 28)
- 1991 - Committee on the Rights of the Child: General Comment 3 & 8
- 1999 - ILO Convention No.182 on Worst Forms of Child Labour (Preamble, article 7 & 8)
- 2011 - Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, 2011 (article 77 & 38)



## REGIONAL

### EUROPE

- 1952 - Council of Europe - Protocol 1 to the European Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. (article 2)
- 1977 - Council of Europe - European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers (article 14)
- 1992 - European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. (article 8)
- 1995 - Council of Europe - Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, (article 12-14)
- 1996 - Council of Europe - Revised European Social Charter. (Part I, article 7,10,15 and17)
- 2000 - European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights (article 13, 14, 21, 32)

### AFRICA

- 1981 - African Charter on Human and People's Rights (article 17 & 25)
- 1990 - African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (article 11)
- 2003 - Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (article 12)
- 2006 - African Youth Charter,(article 13 & 20)
- 2009 - African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala convention) (article 9.2b)

### MIDDLE EAST

- 2004 - Arab Charter on Human Rights (article 40 & 41)

### ASIA & PACIFIC

- 2012 - ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, 2012 (article 27 & 31)

- INTER-AMERICAS**
- 1967 - Charter of the Organization of American States, 1967 (article 49 & 50)
- 1988 - Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights, Protocol of San Salvador, 1988 (article 13 & 16)