



Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Preamble

The States Parties to the present Convention,

Considering that the child should be fully prepared to live an individual life in society,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 28

1. States Parties recognize the right of the child to education and with a view to achieving this right and on the basis of equal opportunity, they shall:

- (a) Make primary education compulsory and available free to all;
- (b) Encourage the development of different forms of secondary education, including general and vocational education, make them available and accessible to every child, and take appropriate measures such as the introduction of free education and offering financial assistance in case of need;
- (c) Make higher education accessible to all;
- (d) Make educational and vocational information available and accessible to all children;
- (e) Take measures to encourage regular attendance at schools and the reduction of drop-out rates.

2. States Parties shall promote and encourage international cooperation in matters relating to education, in particular with a view to contributing to the elimination of ignorance and illiteracy throughout the world and facilitating access to scientific and technical knowledge and modern teaching methods.

¹ Adapted for the Convention on the Rights of the Child