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A REVIEW OF LITERATURE OUTLINING THE MAIN ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF EDUCATIONAL PARKS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS IS PRESENTED. EDUCATIONAL PARKS ARE DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR LARGE SIZE (FROM 10,000 TO 25,000 STUDENTS), CENTRAL LOCATION, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRALIZATION, AND DECENTRALIZED SCHOOL DESIGN. THE ADVANTAGES OF EDUCATIONAL PARKS INCLUDE (1) A PARTIAL SOLUTION TO DE FACTO SEGREGATION, (2) REDUCTION IN THE COST AND COMPLEXITY OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, AND (3) BETTER ACCOMMODATION OF LOCAL POPULATION SHIFTS. DISADVANTAGES INCLUDE (1) LARGE SIZE, (2) IMPERSONAL ATMOSPHERE, (3) TIGHTER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL, AND (4) COST OF TRANSPORTING STUDENTS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS. VALUES OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5 OR 6 THROUGH 8) INCLUDE (1) IMPROVED TRANSITION FROM ELEMENTARY TO HIGH SCHOOL, (2) A SPECIALLY DESIGNED PROGRAM TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PREADOLESCENTS, AND (3) PROMOTION OF INTEGRATION BY DRAWING STUDENTS FROM A LARGER ATTENDANCE AREA. ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES PROVIDE PUBLICATION INFORMATION ON EDUCATIONAL PARKS AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS. (FP)

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THE EDUCATIONAL PARK

**THE EDUCATIONAL PARK:  
Its Relation to Quality of Education  
and Integration**

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Its Relation to Quality of Education and Integration

What are educational parks?

In a period of pressing urban problems, the concept of the educational park has become a topic of extensive discussion in educational circles. The idea of the educational park centers around the consolidation of many educational facilities into large educational complexes. Variouslly called the educational park, the educational plaza, the consolidated educational facility, and the school village, this concept assumes many shapes. However, there seem to be three main elements common to all educational parks: large size; a location that will draw students from a variety of neighborhoods; and administrative unification and the rationalized use of plant.

Some theorists say that if any of these elements are lacking, the term educational park is a misnomer. (53; 27, pp. 5 & 9)\*\* Thus, some districts which talk of building an educational park are really only speaking about building a large school, or of putting all of their schools on one site. For example, the proposals for educational parks on Bay Farm Island, Alameda, seem to be concerned

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\*\*Numbers refer to the list of sources in the annotated bibliography which follows this report. References cited merely give an indication of one or two places in the material where a particular issue is discussed. They are not meant to be exhaustive.

only with the first element--large size. Their primary purpose in consolidating the schools is safety. Since Bay Farm Island lies in a jet runway zone, one or two safe school sites are easier to find than many. However, little emphasis is placed on any other aspects of consolidation. (6;7) Similarly, the school district in Youngstown, New York, started building all of its schools on one central site of 360 acres ten years ago. But they seem to be planning in terms of building a mass of separate schools near each other, rather than a unified educational park. (29)

Even when all three elements are present in the conception of an educational park, there is a great deal of variability in the interpretation and application of them. For one thing, the notion of size varies. In Syracuse, New York, for example, sites are spoken of which will accommodate 5,000 students (28), while in San Francisco a site has been suggested to serve 100,000. (8) It would appear, however, that most educators are thinking in terms of parks ranging in student population from 10 to 25,000.

Another difference revolves around the idea of location. The educational park can draw from a variety of neighborhoods by being placed in the center of town, as is being done in East Orange, New Jersey. (16-21) However, the problem of location varies considerably with the size and nature of the city. In a large city, for example, it may be more feasible to plan a system of educational parks which are located throughout the city, as New York is

currently attempting to do. (24-27) Or, the system of educational parks can be built on the periphery of the city, as is being done in Syracuse. (28)

The administrative organization of the educational park is also conceived of in varying ways. The rationalized use of plant involves a sharing of central facilities, such as gymnasiums and playground areas, cafeterias, laboratories, heating units, libraries, etc. But beyond this there is variety in the type of administrative unification that is foreseen.

Most advocates of the educational park propose a system of "schools within schools". But the method of breaking down the larger population varies. For instance, the park may consist of one major school of each level (elementary, intermediate, high school, and perhaps a junior college), with further breakdown taking place in each school as desired, as in East Orange. (18) (Dr. Wolff feels that all educational parks should eventually include all levels. (27, pp. 7 & 8) ) Or, it may start with its entire population coming from one major level. The further breakdown of the population could then be made by randomly distributing it among a series of heterogeneous "houses", as is proposed in a secondary education park in Chicago (14), or by stratifying the population into a series of homogeneous "layers" (pre-school, low elementary, high elementary), as is proposed in an elementary educational park in Del Paso Heights, California. (11)

In addition to differences in the application of the three elements, there are variations in certain character-

istics of the educational park which, though perhaps not central to the concept, are still important aspects of it. For one thing, the scope of the park's services varies a great deal. Some views, such as that of Hyde Park, in Chicago, include only facilities which are directly related to education. (14) Some slightly expand their sights to include educationally related facilities for the students, such as Shaw's idea of filling the youths' needs from morning until night. (55) Some enlarge their goals still further to include the community in varying ways. Many, like Del Paso Heights, California, include the idea of opening some of the school facilities, such as the library, to the public. (11) Others, such as Pittsburgh, propose making the park a center of community involvement and social reconstruction, with many additional facilities built on the park grounds or close by--such as museums, recreational facilities, theaters, health facilities, and even housing units. (32;35;36; & 37)

Another varying aspect of the educational park concept is the vision of the physical plant. Most advocates see the educational park as an attractive, green, open campus. On the other hand, some have proposed containing the school in one huge, multi-storied building complex.

The educational park concept, then, contains three essential elements, although there is much variability within and beyond these elements. In general, as we might expect, each city applies the educational park concept to best fit its own purposes, needs, and resources.

Why do we need educational parks?

The educational park came to the forefront of discussion several years ago when it became clear that modern urban schools faced problems which could not be solved within the framework of the neighborhood school. The literature reviewed emphasizes two facts of modern life which cause especially grave problems for our schools: urban segregation patterns, and the growing cost and complexity of educational facilities. (equipment, materials, services)

Neighborhood Segregation. The facts of urban sociology are by now well known. So far, nothing has reversed the trend toward cities becoming blighted with minority group ghettos, while suburbs grow into restricted white, middle-class areas. (40, p. 1; 61, pp. 2-6) This trend has led to the de facto segregation of most city schools. "To the extent that the 'neighborhood' is a ghetto, segregation is the logic of the neighborhood school." (61, p. 8)

It is not within the scope of this paper to reiterate the reasons for the undesirability of segregated schools. Part of the vast body of literature on this subject has been well summarized in previous reports of the Berkeley School District, such as section two of Desegregation of the Berkeley Public Schools: Its Feasibility and Implementation, May, 1964. I will take as an assumption that segregated schools--in creating a disparity in the quality of education among schools, (38; 44, p. 6; 61, pp. 6-7) and in lowering the general quality of all schools (38; 43; 45, p. 4)--

are damaging to all children, and to our society as a whole. (27, pp. 13-14; 47; 48)

Recently, many cities have attempted to solve the problem of segregated schools, while retaining the neighborhood school system. For the most part, these attempts have failed. (9; 26; 27; p. 2; 45, p. 2) They are at best temporary solutions. At worst, they are merely token gestures which in fact leave the basic situation unchanged.

The educational park has been suggested as a solution to the problem of de facto segregation. Two methods of assuring integration in educational parks are brought up in the literature. The first is by planning to build the educational park on a location which will draw from a variety of socio-economic and ethnic neighborhoods. By drawing from a large attendance area, the educational park can accomplish this more easily than the neighborhood school.

However, it is sometimes difficult to guarantee that an educational park will be or will remain integrated. Some writers even claim that the very creation of the educational park will encourage the white migration from the city, leaving a segregated educational park in the place of segregated schools. (30) So, proponents of the idea suggest that the school be made so excellent that it will be attractive to everyone.

This question of quality leads us to the second problem faced by schools today--that of the expense and

complexity of high quality educational facilities.

Quality of Education. Language laboratories, advanced science laboratories, educational television, various teaching machines--all these are modern developments which are available to our schools, and which some say our schools must incorporate, if education is to meet the demands of modern life. (52) The small size of neighborhood schools eliminates the possibility of generally and uniformly incorporating such modern facilities. They are too costly to provide for a small number of students, and we could not afford the waste that would ensue in the under-utilization and duplication of facilities.

New methods of teaching, also, frequently appear to be more appropriate to modern education. But our neighborhood school faculties are too small to allow specialization, and many times the physical plant itself precludes the possibility of using such methods as team teaching. We cannot provide students with the best facilities we have available, nor can we adopt new methods better suited to modern education within the framework of the neighborhood school. "...learning demands of the nuclear-space age have out-paced the capacities of the neighborhood school..." (18, p.1)

It is claimed that because of its size and the rationalized use of its plant, the educational park can meet modern educational demands by enabling our cities to offer the best educational facilities and programs to all children. First of all, when central facilities are shared, and fully utilized, the waste of duplication is avoided. As a result,

for the same money we can provide better facilities and a greater variety of facilities. (14, pp. 16 & 18; 27, p. 10; 40, p. 2) Secondly, a larger faculty means that teachers can specialize. Furthermore, because of the large student population, it is feasible to offer courses and programs which draw only a small per cent of the student body, and to hire special personnel, such as Social Workers and Psychologists. Thus, a comprehensive curriculum, with improved special programs can be offered. (14; 40, p.1) All of these factors add up to a more individualized program of instruction for each student (40, p. 3) and a higher quality of education for all.

The educational park concept, then, has been created as a means of integrating our schools and raising the general quality of education. We can now see why its essential elements are large size, central location, and administrative unification. For without these characteristics, the educational park is no better than the neighborhood school in solving the problems of segregation and educational quality.

#### Additional possibilities of the educational park.

The literature indicates that beyond its essential purposes, the educational park offers additional advantages. First, it solves problems caused by population shifts within the city. Under the neighborhood school system, population

mobility can lead to under and over-utilization of facilities. (45, p. 2) A new housing project can cause a critical shortage of space in one school, while another, across town, has empty classrooms.

Moreover, populations shifts can have a negative effect on the individual child, for they create a situation where many children are faced with constant changes of schools, and suffer the consequent effects of insecurity and lack of educational continuity. This especially affects lower-class children, whose families tend to be very mobile. (44, p. 6) The enlarged attendance areas of the educational park greatly lessen the magnitude of the problems caused by population mobility within the city. They facilitate space utilization planning and lessen the likelihood that a child will have to change schools every time he moves. (40, p. 2)

Second, the educational park can help to solve some of the city's larger problems. For example, it can be one way of attacking "downtown blight". (35; 62). If services are expanded to include educationally related facilities which the community can use, the educational park can serve and enhance the entire community, and perhaps revitalize the quality of urban life. (39, p. 2; 40, p. 1-2)

Third, if the educational park is built in a park-like setting, it can beautify the city and enhance the instructional program; it can be an outdoor laboratory for many subjects. (11, p. 3; 15; 57, pp.3, 12, & esp. 18-22)

Fourth, the educational park offers the possibility of better articulation in the city's whole educational program. (40, p. 3)

Finally, an indirect advantage of the educational park is that if a city chooses to utilize the concept, while it is converting its facilities in such a basic way, it can take the opportunity to evaluate and improve the entire school system. (55, p. 3) Such basic parts of the system as the grade organization, class tracking policies, and teaching methods can come under scrutiny. For example, the 4-4-4 or 5-3-4 grade organization has recently been acclaimed as a much more sensible way of grouping than the old 6-3-3 or 8-4 organization.\*\* Similarly, ungraded classes within the primary and middle schools have been suggested to allow more flexibility and eliminate segregated classes in an integrated school. (60, p. 2)

Methods of teaching more in line with modern subjects might be employed. (43) Such devices as team teaching, lectures, and individual study seem to have their place in a modern school. New methods may require a different physical set-up than the conventional "egg-crate" school building. Rooms of varying sizes may be needed, and the new "movable walls" or a lack of walls (54) might be considered. If the city is planning any new construction for the educational park.

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\*\* See following section on the Middle School

In theory then, the educational park as a new approach to urban education would seem to offer many advantages and possibilities. However, no panacea has as yet been found for our educational system, and, although the educational park solves some problems, it creates others.

#### Problems.

Of the major problems that were discussed in the material reviewed, the most important, I believe, is the question of size. Several of the articles expressed misgivings about moving the concept of "bigness" to the public school. (24; 55) Many cautioned against the possibility of letting the educational park become a massive, impersonal institution, and some brought up the problem of administrative control and the fact that such a large organization runs all the risks of a bureaucracy.

The method constantly mentioned to prevent the educational park from becoming too vast and impersonal to its students is decentralization. It was felt that the architectural and organizational design of the school could give it a warm and personal atmosphere. With a system of "schools within schools", the student would identify with a small unit within the whole organization, and he would get to know and be known by his teachers and fellow students. (14, pp. 9-11; 60) A somewhat less optimistic writer reminds us that, although theoretically a large school may become

humanized through its organization, this is as yet unproven in practice. (53, p. 11)

But, assuming the schools can be kept warm and personal for the students, we still face the problem of administrative control. Even with a certain decentralization and autonomy of "houses" within the educational park, the very essence of the concept--centralized facilities and rationalization of plant--makes unavoidable a bureaucratic structure, with all of its necessary rules and procedures. (55, p. 4) For example, there will be more time and more paper-work involved in requesting use of facilities, and in co-ordinating their use.

Furthermore, there is always the possibility of an organization's becoming so big that it becomes inefficient. The administrators of the educational park must also guard against a large organization's tendency toward rigidity and the reduction of innovative possibilities. (55, p. 4) New methods may be incorporated with the inception of the educational park, but when these new methods become old, will the educational park be flexible enough to allow change?

In general, however, an awareness of the possible problems that "bigness" can pose, adequate planning to counter-act these problems, caution in deciding on the size of any one educational park; and especially, careful planning to have adequate facilities for the enrollment of the school, whatever its size, (44) may allow us to surmount the problems

of "bigness".

The second important problem that the educational park will create is that of transportation. For one thing, there is the question of the desirability of having to transport students to school at all, rather than making it possible for most of them to walk. It was pointed out in the literature, however, that most of the opposition to busing comes from white parents who oppose having their children bused to inferior schools, not to the busing itself. (53) It was noted that there has never been any problem in busing rural children to consolidated schools, or busing children to private schools, or to facilities for special education.

Undoubtedly, it would be more convenient if schools remained close to a child's home. But many feel that the question should not be about the travel, but rather about the destination. (60, pp. 1-2) If the only way of providing children with top quality schools requires them to spend a little time on a bus, surely this is a low price to pay. Of course, there are some practical problems connected with transportation which will have to be dealt with. There will be such considerations as cost, traffic engineering, and the safety of small children, if they are included in the park.

A third issue which the building of an educational park would raise is that of the feasibility of the change, in light of the city's existing educational facilities.

Will the educational park make schools which are in good condition obsolete? It was pointed out that there is no need to abandon all existing facilities and start from scratch. (27, p. 4) The changeover can be gradual, starting with administrative unification and rationalization of the already existing facilities, but making sure that any new construction fits in with a master-plan for the educational park(s).

Another possibility is to use elementary schools as nursery schools (21) or as neighborhood centers. (55, p. 5) With careful planning, then, the development of an educational park would not entail any more waste than would normal construction programs.

Finally, the educational park poses, not so much a problem, as a temptation. It is easy to think that new buildings or a new organizational system ipso facto make a top quality educational system. With a major change like the educational park, there would be a tendency to point to the better facilities available to all children, and to the fact that the schools are totally integrated, and to assume that the job is done. Certainly these are important advances, but we cannot forget that "more of the variance in pupil achievement can be accounted for by teacher effectiveness than by any other treatment variable within the child, the school, or the curriculum." (22, p. 3, 2nd section) The realities of the classroom must always be of major concern.

Concluding remarks.

The material reviewed in this report is of a very general nature and is mainly written on a theoretical level. As a whole the literature tends to be repetitive. For further research, I would suggest that materials of a more specific or evaluative nature be sought. These are scarce, but they might yield valuable information.

It might be fruitful to check into such sources as the Center on Innovation in Education, in New York, which has as one of its purposes the coordination and dissemination of materials on innovation. Perhaps they have compiled some data on the educational park. Another idea might be to conduct some research into specific problems which already have been examined, although perhaps not in the context of the educational park. For example, the problem of a big school vs. small schools might be approached with the help of psychological or sociological studies dealing with problems of size and alienation. Such material might provide added insights to the problems of creating an educational park.

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**Annotated Bibliography of Materials  
Covered in the Report**

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References regarding specific areas  
of the country, listed by state and city

## California

1. Anonymous, "Core Learning for Urban Areas," in Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1965, can be found in Research Office Educational Park file, under California.\*

A news article which quotes March Fong regarding the Alameda County School Board's request to the California State Legislature to study the educational park idea for use in California.

2. \_\_\_\_\_, House Resolution Number 380, in The Assembly Journal, April 26, 1965, can be found under California.

The State Assembly resolution, introduced by Assemblyman Garrigus, relative to the study of the educational park concept.

3. \_\_\_\_\_, "One Campus Schools for California?", in a Sacramento newspaper; (article unlabeled), can be found under California.

This article quotes Rafferty, Braden, and Riles regarding the possibility for educational parks in California.

4. Fong, March, letter to Wilson Riles, May 24, 1965, can be found under California.

A statement of the nature of the work Mrs. Fong planned to do as a consultant to the State Department of Education's Bureau of Intergroup Relations, on a project related to the educational park.

## California, Alameda County

5. Anonymous, Resolution Number 34, Alameda County Board of Education, Hayward, California, April 22, 1965, can be found under California.

Requests the California State Legislature to authorize the study of the applicability of the educational park concept to the problems encountered by the urban centers in California.

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\*Unless otherwise indicated, all sources are assumed to be in the Research Office Educational Park file; thus, from now on only the filing category will be given.

California, Bay Farm Island

6. Anonymous, "Experts Advise Bay Farm Island Adopt the Educational Park Concept", in Alameda Sun, January 27, 1966, p. 9, can be found under 5 a-1.  
This article quotes Robert Ingraham, consultant to the Alameda Unified School District, regarding school site selection for Bay Farm Island, a housing development with a school population of 3,600. He recommends two educational parks. His primary consideration is safety, since Bay Farm Island is in a jet runway zone.
7. Fay, Marion, "Dr. Roderick Says 'Ed. Parks' Exciting," in Alameda Sun, January 27, 1966, can be found under California.  
This article quotes Dr. Donald Roderick, Superintendent of the Alameda Unified School District, regarding the educational park concept for Alameda, and specifically, Bay Farm Island.

California, Berkeley

8. Anonymous, "The Educational Park: Its Rightful Place in Today's Overtaxed Educational System," in Alameda Sun, January 27, 1966, can be found under 5 a-1.  
Russell Lombardo, editor of the Alameda Sun, interviews Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Wogaman. Questions cover various aspects of the educational park such as objectives, size, scope of program, possibility of teacher specialization, attitudes of PTA, teachers' union, and School Board officials, and possibility of increased student political activity. 4 pages.
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A series of letters, generally regarding the educational park concept, and specifically regarding the possibility of Berkeley's taking part in a study Dr. Wolff will conduct on the educational park. 5 letters.
10. Sullivan, Neil, a memo to all certified staff, March 4, 1966, containing two articles from Dr. Sullivan's column in the Berkeley Gazette, "The Twin Goals of Progress Discussed," February 22, 1966, and "Teachers Need Time to Plan and Reflect," March 1, 1966, can be found under 5 a-1.

In the first article, Dr. Sullivan makes the point that the educational park is the best way to obtain integration and quality education. He uses the East as an example. The second article claims that elementary school teachers need preparation time. The self-contained classroom no longer fits our educational needs. Team teaching, where teachers specialize, is better.

#### California, Del Paso Heights

11. Tyler, Robert, "Prospectus for a Demonstration Research Project Grant for the Del Paso Heights Elementary School District," May 19, 1966, can be found under New Jersey.

A Research proposal for a demonstration project to improve the elementary educational system in a district with problems of a large low income and Negro population. He proposes an educational park as the only economically feasible way to enrich the school program and services, thereby hopefully raising the educational achievement of students in the district, and attracting whites to the community. 7 pages.

#### California, Hayward

12. Anonymous, "'Educational Plaza Concept': New Plan Combines School Facilities", in Hayward Daily Review, May 11, 1965, can be found under California.

This article quotes March Fong regarding the State Assembly bill about the study of the educational park. It also discusses the possibility of building two educational parks in Hayward, in 15 or 20 years, to replace the city's 45 present schools.

#### District of Columbia, Washington

13. Sessions, John, (title illegible on Xerox copy), can be found under Miscellaneous.

This article contains a proposal to turn the present school properties in Washington, D.C. into low cost housing units, and to build a system of educational parks to replace the present inadequate school system. A major point is a suggested new way to finance the schools. Since Washington is not allowed to incur bonded indebtedness for its schools, it is proposed that they lease their schools from private developers. 2 pages.

## Illinois, Chicago

14. Thomas, J. Alan, "A Secondary Education Park for Hyde Park-Kenwood-Woodlawn," Midwest Administration Center, University of Chicago, can be found under Illinois.

A proposal for a secondary educational park as a solution to some of the educational problems of the Hyde Park area, near the University of Chicago. Includes an analysis of factors to be considered in deciding upon the optimum size of a school; a description of a decentralization procedure which will counteract the impersonality of a large school; and an appendix which translates the proposal into a description of a specific hypothetical secondary school. Bibliography, 38 pages.

## Michigan, Detroit

15. Treloar, James, "Wildfowl Class All It's Quacked Up To Be," in Detroit Free Press, March 2, 1965, can be found under Michigan.

An article about the twenty-five varieties of birds in the pond at Edsel Ford High School. This part of campus is a great stimulation of student interest, and a demonstration ground for biology classes. Illustrated.

## New Jersey, East Orange

16. Anonymous, "Blueprint for Progress," in Senior Scholastic, Vol. 85, T. ed., January 14, 1965, p. 11, can be found in the Berkeley Schools' Professional Library.

A description of plans for the East Orange Educational Plaza, which will eventually house this city's entire school system--10,000 pupils. It will take 15 years to complete the project.

17. \_\_\_\_\_, The East Orange Educational Plaza, The Board of Education, E. Orange, New Jersey, 1964, can be found under New Jersey.

This brochure is a report to the people of East Orange from their Board of Education. The educational plaza plans are described, the crowded conditions of E. Orange schools and their inability to meet modern educational needs are explained as reasons for building the educational plaza. Illustrated, 12 pages.

18. \_\_\_\_\_, memo from the Board of Education and Office of the Superintendent, East Orange Public Schools, can be found under New Jersey. A description of the plans for the E. Orange educational plaza, the reasoning behind the decision to build it, and a list of advantages of the plaza over the neighborhood schools. 4 pages.
19. \_\_\_\_\_, "New Jersey City Plans Educational Park," in Education, U.S.A., Washington, D.C., November 19, 1964, can be found under New Jersey. A description of the proposed educational plaza in East Orange.
20. Fong, March, letter to Dr. Seitzer, Superintendent of East Orange Schools, April 20, 1965, can be found under New Jersey. A letter thanking Dr. Seitzer for receiving Mrs. Fong on her visit to East Orange.
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#### New York

22. Anonymous, "Financial Provisions and Application Procedures for Programs of Experimentation and Innovation in Education," University of the State of New York, State Education Department, Albany, New York, April, 1966, can be found under New York. Information on N.Y. state grants and federal aid for experimental programs in improvement of instruction or implementation of innovative programs. Includes outline of a sample grant proposal and suggestions for improvement of experimental programs. Affirms the desirability of a permanent research staff as part of each large school district. 18 pages.
23. Kurland, Norman, "Center on Innovation in Education," in Bulletin to the Schools, State Department of Education, Albany, New York, November, 1964, can be found under New York. The director describes this center which was established in July, 1964 to raise educational quality through design, evaluation, and dissemination of new ideas and practices.

## New York, New York

24. Anonymous, two articles from the New York Times, "The Educational Parks", October 13, 1965, and "City Set to Build Cluster Schools," October 29, 1965, can be found under New York.

The first is an editorial which claims that caution should be used in moving the concept of bigness to the public schools, and assuring excellence of quality so as not to risk replacing segregated schools with segregated parks. The workings of the educational parks should be watched and analyzed before long-range commitment of school policy is made.

25. \_\_\_\_\_, "The Educational Park in New York City: Concept for Discussion," New York City Board of Education, April, 1965, can be found under New York.

A report on the concept of the educational park as applied to the N.Y. city schools. Outlines criteria for site selection; discusses three types of organization; analyzes three possible sites in New York, in line with the criteria previously outlined; discusses the educational advantages of the educational park. Includes maps of the proposed educational parks. 20 pages.

26. Buder, Leonard, "Now Educational Parks," in New York Sunday Times, June 26, 1966, can be found under New York.

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**A Brief outline of major points covered  
in material on file in the  
Research Office, and in additional sources  
from the Berkeley Schools' Professional Library**

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I. Definition: The middle school is a new organizational grouping for the intermediate years, grades 5 or 6 through 8. It provides a program uniquely suited to pre-adolescents.

### II. Reasons for this grouping:

A. 5-8 more compatible than 7-9.

1. 9th grade belongs in high school, socially and academically.  
(8th and 9th grade should be separated to eliminate the social, athletic, and academic pressure from the intermediate years.)

2. 5th and 6th graders old enough to profit from some departmentalization, counseling, etc.  
(children maturing faster today).

B. Junior High program criticized.

1. An imitation of high school, not a school unique for this particular age group.

2. Even the word "junior" gives it a secondary place.

### III. Purposes of the Middle School:

A. Transition from elementary to high school.

1. Gradually from a self-contained classroom to complete departmentalization.

2. From dependency to more independence in learning.

B. School program fitted to needs of pre-adolescents.

1. Basic Skills (continued from elementary school).

2. Learning Skills (good library important).

3. Exploratory experiences (breadth, not depth; last chance for general education without worrying about commitment or grades).

4. A more individualized program than in elementary school, tailored to the whole student.

C. Promote integration.

1. By enlarging attendance areas in elementary years.

2. More convenient organizational plan for the educational park because if use 4-4-4 system, somewhat equalize the number of students in each main school (elementary, middle, and high).

IV. Miscellaneous advantages:

A. Facilitates reorganization of teacher training for the middle years.

B. Facilitates incorporation of new methods: team-teaching; ungraded classes; both large and small classes, and individual learning.

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