INTD 203: Social Foundations of American Education

History Research Project
This project will require original research in an elementary, middle, or high-school of your choice, which may be a school you attended. After determining a focus for your research, you will explore the school website and possibly other online resources and identify archival artifacts (school yearbooks, historical museum collections, for instance) and documents (meeting minutes, newspaper articles, for instance). To conduct your research, you may access school archives, carry out interviews, and observe other relevant school-related activities.

In addition to your onsite research, your work may include modes of digital communication and research. Your completed project will include a running log of your activities, a 4-6 page reflective paper on your findings, a references page, and an individual class presentation. Lastly, you will offer your History Research Project to the school’s website, library, or another relevant venue as a contribution to the history of education in the United States.

For School of Education students, the history project includes the EdTPA Context for Learning statement and fulfills the requirement for 5 hours of field experience, and must be uploaded to TaskStream for evaluation for Block One. Use APA documentation style for your in-text citations and References page. The History Research Project will be assessed using a formal rubric that will be made available to you as soon as it is completed.

Note: Designated class periods will be devoted to developing your project and periodically reporting on your progress.