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The first of these is the
fact that the system of
education in the United States
is based on the principle of
equality of opportunity for
all. This principle is embodied
in the Constitution of the
United States, which provides
that all citizens shall have
equal protection of the laws.
This principle is also embodied
in the Declaration of Independence,
which states that all men
are created equal and have
certain unalienable rights,
among which are life, liberty,
and the pursuit of happiness.
The second of these is the
fact that the system of
education in the United States
is based on the principle of
freedom of thought and
expression. This principle is
embodied in the First Amendment
of the Constitution, which
provides that Congress shall
make no law respecting an
establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise
thereof, or abridging the
freedom of speech or of the
press, or the right of the
people peaceably to assemble,
or to petition for the redress
of grievances.