Seven Core Problems

1. Rights
   Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights protects the right to an education. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 protects privacy of student records. The Equal Access Act of 1984 requires federally funded schools to grant equal access to extracurricular activities.

2. Quality Education
   The Equal Educational Opportunities Act ensures equal educational opportunity regardless of race, sex, or national origin.
   In 1982, U.S. Supreme Court ruling Plyer v. Doe found Texas law that denied enrollment to illegal immigrant children unconstitutional.

3. Culturally Competent Education
   The 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act funded bilingual education.
   The Bilingual Education Act of 1968 promoted native language instructional models.

4. Prevention
   In March 2011, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama held a White House conference on Bullying Prevention.

5. Affordable and Accessible Education
   The Head Start Program supports cognitive and socioemotional development for low-income children.
   The McKinney-Vento Act of 2001 requires states to address educational needs for children who are homeless.

6. Care for Students’ Mental Distress
   The Individuals with Disabilities and Education Improvement Act funds and regulates the educational system to meet the needs of children with disabilities.

7. Healthcare Linked to Students’ Communities
   Safe Schools/Healthy Students is a collaboration between the federal Department of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services to promote school-community services.

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