



## THE FIRST APPLICATIONS OF DISTANCE EDUCATION IN TURKEY

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### Abstract

The concept of distance education dating back to the 1700s has been implemented since those years. Distance education applications with a long history are developing rapidly and spreading in all developed or not developed countries with the spread of technologies compared to previous years. Examining the historical development of distance education can make significant contributions to the development of current and future distance education applications.

In this study, primarily first distance education applications in Turkey are introduced. Later, applications in higher education in Turkey, are examined with its outlines. In this context, Anadolu University, Firat University, Middle East Technical University and Sakarya University are included respectively. After these applications are explained, details about the introduction of the Open High School, Open Primary School and Vocational and Technical Open Education School affiliated to the Ministry of National Education are given. Finally, Phono (Fono) Open Education Institution is introduced.

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