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Resources for School Innovators and Leaders



A Six-Point Checklist for Education Innovators

Blogger Suzie Boss on some of the qualities expressed and practiced by education leaders.

21st-Century Professional Learning Networks (PLNs) for School Leaders

School district administrator George Couros shares ways for educators to expand their professional development network using social media.

School Leadership: Resource Roundup

Whether you're an administrator or a teacher leader, you will find some great advice and tips in this list of videos, blogs, and articles.

Most Popular Resources This Month:

1. [Quiz: What's Your Learning Style?](#)
2. [48 Ultra-Cool Summer Sites for Kids and Teachers](#)
3. [Free Classroom Guides and Educational Downloads](#)

Video Spotlight

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4. Resources for Understanding the Common Core State Standards

5. The Myth of Summers Off

Is the flipped classroom model an educational fad or the future of classroom learning?



Project-Based Learning: A Step-By-Step Guide to the Best Projects

Manor New Technology High School in Manor, Texas, is a 100 percent project-based learning school. Get tips on how they create successful projects and check out one sample project that capitalized on the wild popularity among their students of the best-selling novel *The Hunger Games*.



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Mission Possible Book Giveaway

This week, Success Academy Charter Schools is giving away *Mission Possible*, a book that offers teacher-training tips and successful case studies from the Success Academy literacy program. [Enter by Sunday, July 22 for a chance to win.](#)



GRANTS & RESOURCES

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- [The George Lucas Educational Foundation Grant Information List](#)
- [Pets in the Classroom](#): Deadline is rolling. The Pet Care Trust is looking for K-8 classrooms interested in promoting healthy child-pet relationships. Up to \$150 is awarded to selected classrooms for purchase of pets and/or supplies.
- [Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program](#): Deadline is Oct. 15, 2012. K-12 teachers are eligible to apply to this program that provides opportunities for teachers to participate in direct exchanges with colleagues from other countries for a semester or academic year.

- [Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.](#): This popular PBS series helped Americans realize the importance of discovering where we come from. Get lesson plans on the colonization of the U.S., slavery and the civil war, and major mass migrations to America.

Education Events

- [AP Annual Conference 2012](#) (College Board) July 18 to July 22, 2012, Lake Buena Vista, FL.
- [Summer Showcase: Improving High-Poverty Schools, Rigor, and Closing Achievement Gaps](#) (ASCD) July 18 to July 21, 2012, Denver, CO.
- [Learning and ePortfolios](#) (The Future of Education webinar) July 19, 2012, 5:00 p.m. PT, 8:00 p.m. ET.
- [Learning Collaboratively with Free Web Tools](#) (Simple K12 webinar) July 24, 2012, 12:00 p.m. PT, 3:00 p.m. ET.
- [Virtual Summer Camp: The Newest Tools on the Web to Explore for Instruction](#) (ASCD webinar) July 24, 2012, 1:00 p.m. PT, 4:00 p.m. ET.
- [edcamp Leadership](#) July 26, 2012, Monroe Township, NJ.
- [#140edu: Exploring the State of Education NOW](#) July 31 to August 1, 2012, New York City, NY.
- [edcamp Oshkosh](#) August 1, 2012, Oshkosh, WI.
- [Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works](#) (ASCD webinar) August 7, 2012, 12:00 p.m. PT, 3:00 p.m. ET.
- [Tips and Tricks to Building an ePortfolio](#) (Simple K12 webinar) August 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m. PT, 4:00 p.m. ET.
- [edcamp CT](#) August 10, 2012, Simsbury, CT.
- [Ask Dr. Judy: How Can Resisting Immediate Gratification and Long-Term Goal Development Be Developed in Students?](#) (ASCD webinar) August 14, 2012, 1:00 p.m. PT, 4:00 p.m. ET.
- [Padcamp](#) August 16, 2012, Galloway, NJ.
- [edcamp SFBay](#) August 18, 2012, San Mateo, CA.

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