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How did a tough, "D" school in Brooklyn that was about to be closed down become an "A" school in less than 3 years? How did a large school district in the

Midwest use data to drive effective school improvement that led 15 of their 88 schools to make AYP for the first time? How are entire nations like Finland ensuring smooth leadership transition and capacity to sustain student success? Five years, 200,000 readers and one national award after Failure is Not an Option was first published, Alan M. Blankstein has documented how educators have closed gaps, turned schools around, and sustained overall success. With contributions from Pedro

A. Noguera, Andy Hargreaves, and Dean Fink, this book outlines the who, what, and how of becoming a high-performing school and learning community, shows how to avoid ten common routes to failure, provides double the resources, includes many new case stories and examples, and offers new emphasis on: diversity; assessment for learning; intervention and support for students at risk; and schooling as a community endeavor involving families. The second edition of Failure is Not an Option tells more than the

story, it gives all the specifics, the tools, the insights, and the processes that others have used to ensure that success is the ONLY option!

[Proceedings of the Joint Conference on Standard Setting for Large-scale Assessments of the National Assessment Governing Board \(NAGB\) and the National Center for Education Statistics \(NCES\): Proceedings](#)
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Each state and jurisdiction that participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2011 reading assessment receives a one-page snapshot report that presents key findings and trends in a condensed format. Overall results, achievement level percentages and average score results, comparison of the average score in 2011 to other states/jurisdictions, average scores for state/jurisdiction and nation (public), results for student groups in 2011, and score gaps for student groups are included. In 2011, the average score of eighth-grade students in Kansas was 267. This was higher than the average score of 264 for public school students in the nation.

The average score for students in Kansas in 2011 (267) was not significantly different from their average score in 2009 (267) and was not significantly different from their average score in 1998 (268). In 2011, the score gap between students in Kansas at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 42 points. This performance gap was not significantly different from that of 1998 (40 points). The percentage of students in Kansas who performed at or above the NAEP "Proficient" level was 35 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (33 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (36 percent). The percentage of students in Kansas who performed at or above the NAEP "Basic" level was 79 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (80 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 1998 (81 percent). [For the main report, "The Nation's Report Card: Reading 2011. National Assessment of Educational Progress at Grades 4 and 8. NCES 2012-457," see

ED525544.].

[The Nation's Report Card Reading 2013 State Snapshot Report. Kansas. Grade 8, Public Schools](#)
MIT Press

Modern Classroom Assessment offers an applied, student-centered guide to the major research-based approaches to assessment in today's modern classroom. Rather than simply list basic assessment formats with a few examples, as many textbooks do, award-winning professor and scholar Bruce Frey's book fully explores all five key approaches for teacher-designed assessment—Traditional Paper-and-Pencil, Performance-Based Assessment, Formative Assessment, Universal Test Design, and Authentic Assessment—while making abstract concepts and guidelines clear with hundreds of real-world illustrations and examples of what actual teachers do. Offering a variety of engaging learning tools and realistic stories from the classroom, this text will give any reader a strong foundation for designing modern assessments in their own classrooms.

The History of

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Press

The expert contributors to this volume assess recent court actions in school adequacy lawsuits and their impact on student outcomes. They show that simply throwing more resources at the problem has not brought about a solution and call for changes centered around accountability, incentives, and more informed parents and policymakers. *Learning from School Choice* Student Involvement in Co-curricular Activities and Success on the Kansas Mathematics and Reading Assessments The purpose of the study was to determine whether students who are involved in co-curricular activities perform better on state assessments than students who do not participate in co-curricular activities. A review of literature showed co-curricular involvement was linked to higher GPA, better school attendance, and lower frequency of discipline. Although previous studies looked at different standardized assessments, this study used scores from the Kansas Mathematics and Reading Assessments as a means of comparison. For

this study, the researcher examined co-curricular participation and test scores during the 2006-2007 school year from the Olathe School District, located in Olathe, Kansas. Four research hypotheses were proposed to explore the influence of co-curricular participation on 4 assessments (8th Grade Mathematics, 8th Grade Reading, 10th Grade Mathematics, and 11th Grade Reading). The data on co-curricular activity involvement and the Kansas Assessment results were collected from the Olathe School District's student data base. Student co-curricular activity involvement was tagged in the computer system by the district's data operators, and the assessment information was downloaded from the state of Kansas assessment program database. At the 8th grade level, there were a total of 1,807 students with 1,500 who participated in at least one co-curricular activity. The 10th grade included a total of 1,912 students with 1,256 who participated in at least one co-curricular activity. At the 11th grade, there were 1,795 total students

with 1,201 students who participated in at least one co-curricular activity. A t-test for independent means was performed to determine if co-curricular involvement influenced student achievement as measured by the designated Kansas State Assessment. The results of this study indicated co-curricular activities had a positive effect on all four assessments studied. For the 8th Grade Mathematics Assessment, the t-test yielded a value of 10.99, followed by a medium effect size (0.63). A t-test for the 8th Grade Reading Assessment yielded a value of 10.85, followed by a medium effect size (0.58). Results from the 10th Grade Mathematics Assessment yielded a t-value of 14.10. It also had a medium effect size (0.66). The final t-test for the 11th Grade Reading Assessment yielded a t-test of 13.12, followed by a medium effect size (0.59). Linking the Kansas KAP Assessments to NWEA MAP Tests Northwest Evaluation Association" (NWEA") is committed to providing partners with useful tools to help make inferences from the Measures of Academic Progress' (MAP') interim

assessment scores. One important tool is the concordance table between MAP and state summative assessments. Concordance tables have been used for decades to relate scores on different tests measuring similar but distinct constructs. These tables, typically derived from statistical linking procedures, provide a direct link between scores on different tests and serve various purposes. Aside from describing how a score on one test relates to performance on another test, they can also be used to identify benchmark scores on one test corresponding to performance categories on another test, or to maintain continuity of scores on a test after the test is redesigned or changed. Concordance tables are helpful for educators, parents, administrators, researchers, and policy makers to evaluate and formulate academic standing and growth. Recently, NWEA completed a concordance study to connect the scales of the Kansas Assessment Program (KAP) English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics with those of the MAP Reading and MAP

for Mathematics assessments. In this report, presented are the 3rd through 8th and 10th grade cut scores on MAP reading and mathematics scales that correspond to the benchmarks on the KAP ELA and math tests. Information about the consistency rate of classification based on the estimated MAP cut scores is also provided, along with a series of tables that predict the probability of receiving a Level 3 (i.e., "Proficient") or higher performance designation on the KAP assessments, based on the observed MAP scores taken during the same school year. A detailed description of the data and analysis method used in this study is provided in the Appendix.A Comparison of Scores on the Kansas Writing Assessment for Word- Processed and Hand-written Papers of Eleventh-gradersThe Reading Achievement of Kansas Urban African American Fifth Graders Before and During No Child Left BehindWith the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (PL 107-110), Kansas state reading standards, benchmarks and indicators have been aligned to meet the recommendation of the

National Reading Panel (2000). The components that are aligned with the Kansas reading standards are phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. High stakes testing and test scores disaggregated by race creates accountability in meeting instructional reading indicators for all students, specifically African American students. With increased pressures to meet and exceed the reading standards and close the achievement gap between Black and White students, schools are searching for instructional factors supportive of to meeting No Child Left Behind requirements. This mixed method study was conducted in three urban school districts in the state of Kansas. The quantitative study was conducted by analyzing African American fifth grade state reading assessment scores before and during implementation of No Child Left Behind to determine whether No Child Left Behind is positively impacting test scores. Data analysis revealed that African Americans increased in being at or above the

standard, while decreasing the number below the standard. Out of the 180 schools in the three districts, six high performing schools were identified based on the percentage of African American students in the school, average mean scores before and during No Child Left Behind, and percentage of students at or above the standard from 2000-2007. Data were collected through detailed observational field notes and interviews with fifth grade teachers and principals in order to determine their perceptions of the instructional factors impacting reading scores. Data analysis revealed the following instructional factors impacting reading scores: analysis of data, quality professional development, teacher collaboration, high expectations, and parental involvement. Instructional reading indicators were coded throughout the observation of fifth grade classrooms. Observed indicators taught were phonics, vocabulary, comprehension of text types and text structures. This study provided perspectives of instructional strategies essential to increasing the

reading strategies, skills and test scores of African American students while closing the literacy achievement gap between Black and White students in Kansas schools. Determining Teachers' Behaviors Concerning the NCTM Standards in Low and High-performing Rural High Schools in Kansas. This study was designed to investigate teaching practices of mathematics teachers in rural high schools in Kansas in the context of the NCTM Principles and Standards. National reports advocate for change in the mathematics classroom while state assessments force teachers to focus on test scores. This study investigated the extent to which teachers whose students experienced repeated success on state assessments integrated the NCTM Process and Content Standards into the mathematics classroom. Those data were then compared with the teaching practices in schools whose students repeatedly did poorly on state assessments. Modern Classroom Assessment Each state and jurisdiction that participated in the National Assessment of

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NAEP "Proficient" level was 48 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (46 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (29 percent). The percentage of students in Kansas who performed at or above the NAEP "Basic" level was 90 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (89 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (76 percent). [For the main report, "The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2011. National Assessment of Educational Progress at Grades 4 and 8. NCES 2012-458" (ED525545).]. *The Nation's Report Card Reading 2009 State Snapshot Report. Kansas. Grade 8, Public Schools* SAGE Publications "The choice of a career in veterinary medicine must begin with early preparation for selective admissions standards. Students, patients, mentors, and advisors can find all the information needed for informed decision making in VMSAR, the official handbook for all AAVMC member institutions. Prepared by the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, the 2014-2015

edition includes detailed information on: Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS), residency requirements, tuition, standardized test requirements, deadlines, special programs, accreditation and licensure. VMSAR is the most current guide that will answer the important questions about applying to a veterinary college. The AAVMC provides leadership for and promotes excellence in academic veterinary medicine to prepare the veterinary workforce with the scientific knowledge and skills required to meet societal needs through the protection of animal health, the relief of suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge." - back cover. *Resources in Education* Brookings Institution Press With the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (PL 107-110), Kansas state reading standards, benchmarks and indicators have been aligned to meet the recommendation of the National Reading Panel (2000). The components that are aligned with the

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closing the literacy achievement gap between Black and White students in Kansas schools.

The Nation's Report Card Mathematics 2011 State Snapshot Report. Kansas. Grade 4, Public Schools Routledge

This book can save you more than \$100,000. These days, most people assume you need to pay a boatload of money for a quality college education. As a result, students and their parents are willing to go into years of debt and potentially sabotage their entire financial futures just to get a fancy name on their diploma. But Zac Bissonnette is walking proof that this assumption is not only false, but dangerous—a class con game designed to rip you off and doom your student to a post-graduation life of near poverty. From his unique double perspective—he's a personal finance expert (at Daily Finance) AND a current senior at the University of Massachusetts—Zac figured out how to get an outstanding education at a public college, without bankrupting his parents or taking on massive loans. Armed with his personal knowledge, the latest data, and smart analysis, Zac takes on the sacred

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The percentage of students in Kansas who performed at or above the NAEP "Proficient" level was 41 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (39 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (34 percent). The percentage of students in Kansas who performed at or above the NAEP "Basic" level was 80 percent in 2011. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2009 (79 percent) and was not significantly different from that in 2000 (76 percent). [For the main report, "The Nation's Report Card: Mathematics 2011. National Assessment of Educational Progress at Grades 4 and 8. NCES 2012-458," see ED525545.]. *Estimation of Genetic Parameters for Behavioral Assessment Scores in Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherd Dogs, and Golden Retrievers* Corwin Press

To determine if performances on the researcher-generated science tests were related to each other, partial correlations controlling for reading and math skills were computed for each group of students. Statistically significant

relations between pre- and post-test science knowledge emerged only for the students in the no technology group. Gain scores were also calculated using the Kruskal Wallis test to determine the amount of change between pre- and post-intervention scores. Results indicated that significant group differences between pre- and post-test scores in science content knowledge did not emerge. Next, Kruskal Wallis statistical test was used to determine if there were group differences in use of computers for homework and for non-school work. No statistically significant differences emerged. Lastly, to determine if the gains from pre- to post-test made by the entire sample (not subgroups) were statistically significant, a one-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was used. Results indicated that gains made by the entire sample between pre- and post-tests were statistically significant.

Assistive Technology as an Accommodation on Accountability Assessments: An Analysis of Attitudes and Knowledge of Special Education Professionals

Bloomsbury Publishing
USA

The researcher used responses from survey data to select ten survey respondents to participate in in-depth interviews. Interview data was analyzed using pentadic analysis, a method of rhetorical analysis designed by Kenneth Burke (1945).

Helping Children Left

Behind John Wiley & Sons

This book focuses on what it takes to translate professional development into impressive learning gains for students. The experiences of eight award-winning schools are distilled into principles for success. This book is based on hundreds of hours of talking with teachers and administrators at the eight schools. The schools are diverse, representing a wide range of locations, sizes, and student characteristics. The schools' stories tell of students who achieve because their teachers are learners. At the heart of each school's success is an exemplary professional development program. After an introduction to the book and an overview of the eight schools, Section 1, "The Key: A Culture of Learning," discusses "Student-

Centered Goals"; "An Expanded Definition of Professional Development"; "Ongoing, Job-Embedded Informal Learning"; "A Collaborative Environment"; "Time for Learning and Collaboration"; and "Checking for Results." Section 2, "A Boost from Outside," discusses "External Call to Action," "Partnerships with External Programs," and "Fiscal Resources." Section 3 offers "Implications for Site and District Leaders." The two appendixes include school profiles and information on the research study. (SM)

Determining Teachers' Behaviors Concerning the NCTM Standards in Low and High-performing Rural High Schools in Kansas Cornell University Press
Teacher education has long relied on locally-developed assessments that lack reliability and validity. Rigorous performance-based assessments for preservice teachers have been advanced as one possible way to ensure that all students receive instruction from a high-quality teacher. Recently, performance-based assessments have been developed which focus on

the application of knowledge of teaching and learning in a classroom setting. Our book explores factors related to the implementation of teacher performance assessments in varying state and institutional contexts. The contributors, teacher educators from across the country, focus on what was learned from inquiries conducted using diverse methodologies (quantitative, qualitative, self-studies, and mixed methods). Their research encompassed faculty, supervisors, cooperating teachers, and students' perceptions and concerns of teacher performance assessments, case studies of curricular reform and/or resistance, analyses of experiences and needs as a result of the adoption of such assessments, and examinations of the results of program alignment and reform. The chapters showcase experiences which occurred during high-stakes situations, in implementation periods prior to high-stakes adoption, and in contexts where programs adopted performance assessments as an institutional policy rather than as a result of a state-wide mandate. Endorsements The

chapters compiled for *Implementing and Analyzing Performance Assessments in Teacher Education* edited by Joyce E. Many and Ruchi Bhatnagar, present a thoughtful look at the challenges and solutions embedded in the adoption of teacher performance assessments for preservice teachers. Most chapters feature edTPA, the most commonly used performance assessment now mandated in numerous states and used voluntarily by other programs across the country, and reveal how such assessments shine a bright light on the problems of practice in teacher preparation (stressful timelines, faculty silos, communication with P-12 partners, etc.) when new requirements disrupt the status quo. Each chapter tells a valuable story of performance assessment implementation and approaches that offset compliance in favor of inquiry and educative experiences for candidates and programs alike. Andrea Whittaker, Ph.D edTPA National Director Stanford University Graduate School of Education UL-SCALE Many and Bhatnagar launch the

AAPE book series with a curated volume highlighting the contexts in which teacher educators implement and utilize performance assessments in educator preparation. Together, the chapters present research from various viewpoints—from candidates, faculty, university supervisors, and clinical partners—using diverse methodologies and approaches. The volume contributes significantly to the program assessment research landscape by providing examples of how performance assessments inform preparation at the intersection of praxis and research, and campus and field. These chapters provide a critical foundation for teacher educators eager to leverage performance assessments to improve their programs. Diana B. Lys, EdD. Assistant Dean of Educator Preparation and Accreditation School of Education University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Inequality in America
Purdue University Press
Results from the 2013 NAEP assessments show fourth- and eighth-graders making progress in mathematics and reading.

Nationally representative samples of more than 376,000 fourth-graders and 341,000 eighth-graders were assessed in either mathematics or reading in 2013. Results are reported for public and private school students in the nation, and for public school students in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Department of Defense schools. This snapshot report covers the overall results, achievement level percentages and average score results, comparison of the average scores in 2013 to other states/jurisdictions, average scores for state/jurisdiction and nation (public), results for student groups in 2013, and score gaps for student groups. In 2013, the average score of fourth-grade students in Kansas was 246. This was higher than the average score of 241 for public school students in the nation. The average score for students in Kansas in 2013 (246) was not significantly different from their average score in 2011 (246) and was higher than their average score in 2000 (232). The score gap between higher performing students in Kansas (those at the 75th

percentile) and lower performing students (those at the 25th percentile) was 35 points in 2013. This performance gap was not significantly different from that in 2000 (37 points). The percentage of students in Kansas who performed at or above the NAEP "Proficient" level was 48 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (48 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (29 percent). The percentage of students in Kansas who performed at or above the NAEP "Basic" level was 89 percent in 2013. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2011 (90 percent) and was greater than that in 2000 (76 percent). [For the main report, "The Nation's Report Card: A First Look--2013 Mathematics and Reading. National Assessment of Educational Progress at Grades 4 and 8. NCEES 2014-451," see ED544347.].

Linking the Kansas KAP Assessments to NWEA MAP Tests

Best Places to Raise Your Family: Experts Choose 100 Top Communities That You Can Afford provides timely facts and

expert in-depth analysis on 100 U.S. neighborhoods in an accessible and friendly format. Whether you're mulling over the idea of relocating your family, trying to decide where to live once you have a family, or just curious about how your hometown stacks up, you'll be intrigued by *Best Places to Raise Your Family*. In addition to providing population statistics, each city is ranked on a number of essential factors such as: education, standard of living, health and safety, and lifestyle. Easy-to-use tables help you put this wealth of information to work to find the place that best suits your family's special needs and interests.

Modern Classroom Assessment

Among working dogs, the role of a guide dog ranks as one of the most noble and useful occupations and thus was recognized early as a category of working dogs worthy of focused research. Behavior issues top the list of most common reasons for rejecting dogs from working as guides. The objective of this study was to estimate genetic parameters for each of the 101 questions and 12

subscale factors measured by the Canine Behavioral Assessment and Research Questionnaire (C-BARQ). The C-BARQ is a standardized questionnaire that contains seven behavioral categories: training and obedience, aggression, fear and anxiety, separation-related behavior, excitability, attachment and attention-seeking, and a miscellaneous category. These categories and questions allow the evaluator to describe any dog's behavior. For this study, questionnaire responses were obtained on 3,149 and 3,348 Labrador Retrievers (LR) from Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) and 989 and 1,187 Labrador Retrievers, 608 and 692 Golden Retrievers (GR), and 966 and 1,348 German Shepherd Dogs (GSD) from The Seeing Eye, Inc. (TSE) at 6- and 12-months of age, respectively. The estimates of heritability and standard errors from TSE dogs indicate that there is much genetic variation that could be exploited in selection against "Familiar dog-directed aggression/fear" (0.27 ± 0.12) of GR at 6-months, "Chasing" (0.22

± 0.10) of GR at 6-months, and "Nonsocial fear" (0.27 ± 0.09) of GR at 12-months or in selection for improved "Trainability" of LR (0.46 ± 0.07), GSD (0.47 ± 0.07), and GR (0.20 ± 0.08) at 12-months. In general, the remaining factors and most of the 101 questions were found to be lowly heritable (*Teachers Who Learn, Kids Who Achieve* Student Involvement in Co-curricular Activities and Success on the Kansas Mathematics and Reading Assessments The Nation's Report Card Reading 2009 State Snapshot Report. Kansas. Grade 4, Public Schools This study investigated the impact of Response to Intervention (RTI) on math common assessment scores and STAR math assessment scores of sixth grade students in a suburban Kansas City middle school. The purpose of this study was to determine if there was a significant difference in assessment scores of students who received tier 2 RTI intervention compared to those who received tier 1 interventions. The three groups involved in this study were students who received tier 2 interventions, students

who received tier 1 interventions, and students who did not receive interventions. The study also looked to determine if there is significant difference in assessment scores of students who receive tier 2 intervention compared to those students who do not need interventions. Data was collected from math common assessment scores and STAR math assessment from the fall 2013 semester. An Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was used to analyze the test scores of the three groups. The study showed a significant difference in assessment scores; however, the results were mixed from the math common assessments and the STAR math assessment. The researcher recommends that further study be continued covering RTI interventions in mathematics in sixth grade mathematics. *The Nation's Report Card Mathematics 2011 State Snapshot Report. Kansas. Grade 8, Public Schools* Each state and jurisdiction that participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2009 reading assessment receives a one-page snapshot report

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