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Math Education for America? Policy Networks, Big Business, and Pedagogy Wars *Routledge* Math Education for America? analyzes math education policy through the social network of individuals and private and public organizations that influence it in the United States. The effort to standardize a national mathematics curriculum for public schools in the U.S. culminated in 2010 when over 40 states adopted the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. Rather than looking at the text of specific policy documents, this book complements existing critical reviews of the national math education curriculum by employing a unique social network analysis. Breaking new ground in detailing and theorizing the politics of math education, Wolfmeyer argues that the private interests of this network are closely tied to a web of interrelated developments: human capital education policy, debates over traditional and reform pedagogy, the assumed content knowledge deficit of math teachers, and the proliferation of profit-driven educational businesses. By establishing the interconnectedness of these interests with the national math education curriculum, he shows how the purported goals of math education reform are aligned with the prevailing political agendas of this social network rather than the national interest. **Common Core for the Not-So-Common Learner, Grades 6-12** *Corwin Press* Offers advice, tools, and strategies to build struggling learners' language skills. *Yale Law Journal: Volume 122, Number 3 - December 2012* *Quid Pro Books* One of the world's leading law journals is available in quality ebook formats. This issue of *The Yale Law Journal* (the third of Volume 122, academic year 2012-2013) features new articles and essays on law and legal theory by internationally recognized scholars. Contents include: • John H. Langbein, "The Disappearance of Civil Trial in the United States" • Daniel E. Ho, "Fudging the Nudge: Information Disclosure and Restaurant Grading" • Saul Levmore & Ariel Porat, "Asymmetries and Incentives in Plea Bargaining and Evidence Production" The issue also includes extensive student research on targeted killings of international outlaws, Confrontation Clause jurisprudence as implemented in lower courts, and the implied license doctrine of copyright law as applied to news aggregators. Ebook formatting includes linked footnotes and an active Table of Contents (including linked Tables of Contents for all individual articles and essays), as well as active URLs in notes and extensive tables, and properly presented figures and tables. **Case Management What it is and how it Can Best be Implemented** *Routledge* Rethinking Value-Added Models in Education Critical Perspectives on Tests and Assessment-Based Accountability *Routledge* Since passage of the of No Child Left Behind Act in 2001, academic researchers, econometricians, and statisticians have been exploring various analytical methods of documenting students' academic progress over time. Known as value-added models (VAMs), these methods are meant to measure the value a teacher or school adds to student learning from one year to the next. To date, however, there is very little evidence to support the trustworthiness of these models. What is becoming increasingly evident, yet often ignored mainly by policymakers, is that VAMs are 1) unreliable, 2) invalid, 3) nontransparent, 4) unfair, 5) fraught with measurement errors and 6) being inappropriately used to make consequential decisions regarding such things as teacher pay, retention, and termination. Unfortunately, their unintended consequences are not fully recognized at this point either. Given such, the timeliness of this well-researched and thoughtful book cannot be overstated. This book sheds important light on the debate surrounding VAMs and thereby offers states and practitioners a highly important resource from which they can move forward in more research-based ways. **The Enlightened College Applicant A New Approach to the Search and Admissions Process** *Rowman & Littlefield* Deluged with messages that range from "It's Ivy League or bust" to "It doesn't matter where you go," college applicants and their families often find themselves lost, adrift in a sea of information overload. Finally—a worthy life preserver has arrived. The Enlightened College Applicant presents a no-nonsense account of how students should approach the college search and admissions process. Instead of providing recycled entrance statistics or anecdotal generalizations about campus life, authors Belasco and Bergman incorporate cutting-edge data and research to pull back the curtain on critical topics such as: Whether college prestige really matters, How to maximize your college admission prospects Which schools and degrees provide the best return on investment How to minimize the costs of a college education What college-related skills are valued in the job market, and much more. Whether you are a valedictorian or a B/C student, this easy-to-read book will improve your college savvy and enable you to maximize the benefits of your higher education. **Consideration of Abiotic Natural Resources in Life Cycle Assessments** *MDPI* This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Consideration of Abiotic Natural Resources in Life Cycle Assessments" that was published in *Resources Pressing Forward Increasing and Expanding Rigor and Relevance in America's High Schools* *IAP Pressing Forward: Increasing and Expanding Rigor and Relevance in America's High Schools* is organized to place secondary education, specifically the goals of preparing young adults to be college and career ready, in contemporary perspective, emphasizing the changing global economy and trends in policy and practice. High school students must be equipped with tools they need during and beyond high school for mapping their futures in a global and flat world that demands workers prepared to take up 21st century careers. Following Thomas Freidman and other writers on the topic, this book takes as its core premise that the world has been irrevocably altered by technology and that technology takes a prominent role in shaping post-secondary education and career opportunities. The challenges facing education and educators in a flattened world can best be addressed by creating opportunities for students who are ready for a world in which they are expected to pursue learning throughout their lifetimes, understand and use technology, engage in active civic lives, function well in ethnically diverse workplace settings, and be willing to take risks. Most of all, however, these individuals must be very well prepared during high school by taking advanced level mathematics, science and other challenging coursework, while at the same time actively engaging in collaborative, creative endeavors that prepare them to continuously reinvent themselves to stay ahead of automation and outsourcing. The book will be a unique and useful contribution to the education reform and policy literature as it examines secondary education at an historical moment—the convergence of significant education spending and focus on high school reform. Developed from diverse authors' research programs on secondary education, the chapters in this volume highlight both changing and steadfast features of high schools, questioning if attempts to foster change—whether tinkering around the edges or inventing a new way—adequately address shortcomings in equity and excellence found in American high schools. **Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions** *Wiley* Healthcare providers, consumers, researchers and policy makers are inundated with unmanageable amounts of information, including evidence from healthcare research. It has become impossible for all to have the time and resources to find, appraise and interpret this evidence and incorporate it into healthcare decisions. Cochrane Reviews respond to this challenge by identifying, appraising and synthesizing research-based evidence and presenting it in a standardized format, published in *The Cochrane Library* (www.thecochranelibrary.com). The Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions contains methodological guidance for the preparation and maintenance of Cochrane intervention reviews. Written in a clear and accessible format, it is the essential manual for all those preparing, maintaining and reading Cochrane reviews. Many of the principles and methods described here are appropriate for systematic reviews applied to other types of research and to systematic reviews of interventions undertaken by others. It is hoped therefore that this book will be invaluable to all those who want to understand the role of systematic reviews, critically appraise published reviews or perform reviews themselves. **Writing Framework for the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress Handbook of Research on Fair Trade** *Edward Elgar Publishing* Fair trade critiques the historical inequalities inherent in international trade and seeks to promote social justice by creating alternative networks linking marginalized producers (typically in the global South) with progressive consumers (typically in the global North). **Handbook of Test Security** *Routledge* High stakes tests are the gatekeepers to many educational and professional goals. As such, the incentive to cheat is high. This Handbook is the first to offer insights from experts within the testing community, psychometricians, and policymakers to identify and develop best practice guidelines for the design of test security systems for a variety of testing genres. Until now this information was scattered and often resided inside testing companies. As a result, rather than being able to learn from each other's experiences, each testing entity was left to re-create their own test security wheel. As a whole the book provides invaluable insight into the prevalence of cheating and "best practices" for designing security plans, training personnel, and detecting and investigating misconduct, to help develop more secure testing systems and reduce the likelihood of future security breaches. Actual case studies from a variety of settings bring to life how security systems really work. Examples from both domestic and international programs are provided. Highlights of coverage include: • Best practices for designing secure tests • Analysis of security vulnerabilities for all genres of testing • Practical cheating prevention and detection strategies • Lessons learned in actual security violations in high profile testing programs. Part I focuses on how tests are delivered for paper-and-pencil, technology-based, and classroom testing and writing assessment. Each chapter addresses the prevalence of the problem and threats to security, prevention, and detection. Part II addresses issues essential to maintaining a secure testing program such as planning and monitoring, physical security, the detection of group-based cheating, investigating misconduct, and communicating about security-related issues. Part III examines actual examples of cheating-- how the cheating was done, how it was detected, and the lessons learned. Part III provides insight into security issues within each of the Association of Test Publishers' four divisions: certification/licensure, clinical, educational, and industrial/organizational testing. Part III's conclusion revisits the issues addressed in the case studies and identifies common themes. **Intended for organizations, professionals, educators, policy makers, researchers, and advanced students that design, develop, or use high stakes tests, this book is also ideal for graduate level courses on test development, educational measurement, or educational policy.** **AP GRAMA SACHIVALAYAM WARD PLANNING & REGULATION SECRETARY (GRADE-II) EXAM EBOOK-PDF All Sections Covered** *Chandresh Agrawal* SGN.The Ebook AP GRAMA SACHIVALAYAM WARD PLANNING & REGULATION SECRETARY (GRADE-II) EXAM Covers All Sections Of The Exam. **Man Disconnected** How technology has sabotaged what it means to be male *Random House* 'Zimbardo has put his finger on a great challenge of the modern era' - The Sunday Times **Masculinity is in meltdown. Young men are failing as never before — academically, socially and sexually. But why? And what needs to be done?** Internationally-acclaimed psychologist Philip Zimbardo, and research partner Nikita Coulombe, show how symptoms include excessive gaming and porn use, apathy and drug abuse. They argue that digital technologies create alternative worlds that many boys find less demanding and more rewarding than real life, yet which are ultimately harmful. There is hope. **Man Disconnected** reveals where the solutions are to be found, and what action we can take. **Controversial, provocative and insightful, this book is an alarm call ignored at our peril.** **Guided Reading What's New, and What's Next?** *Capstone* In an era of change in education, the time is right to refocus attention on guided reading practices. Guided reading remains an anchor in classroom literacy programs, but how has it changed with the new shifts in education? In this book, Dr. Michael P. Ford provides a practical resource for guided reading. He explains how it evolved, why it's still important, how to fit it into a comprehensive literacy program, how to select texts, how to assess and support students, and how to position it for intervention. Also included is an Appendix with a listing of recommended guided reading books. **Boom, Bust, Exodus** *Oxford University Press* "In 2002, the town of Galesburg, a slowly declining Rustbelt city of 34,000 in western Illinois, learned that it would soon lose its largest factory, a Maytag refrigerator plant that had anchored Galesburg's social and economic life for half a century. Workers at the plant earned \$15.14 an hour, had good insurance, and were assured a solid retirement. In 2004, the plant was relocated to Reynosa, Mexico, where workers spent 13-hour days assembling refrigerators for \$1.10 an hour. In *Boom, Bust, Exodus*, Broughton offers a look at the transition to a globalized economy, from the perspective of those who have felt its effects most. In today's highly commoditized world, we are increasingly

divorced from the origins of the goods we consume; the human labor required to create our smart phones and hybrid cars is so far removed from the end product we need not even think about it. And yet, Broughton shows, the human cost behind the shifting currents of the global economy remains a reality. Broughton illuminates these complexities through a tale of two cities that have fared very differently in the global contest to woo or retain fickle capital. In Galesburg, the economy is a shadow of what it once was. Reynosa, in contrast, has become one of the exploding 'second-tier cities' of the developing world, thanks to the influx of foreign-owned, export-oriented maquiladoras. And yet even these distinctions cannot be finely drawn: families struggle to get by in Reynosa, and the city is beset by violence and a ruthless drug war. Those left behind in declining of Galesburg, meanwhile, do not see themselves as helpless victims: many have gone back to school, scramble from job to job, and have learned to adapt and even thrive. It is a downsized existence, but a full-sized life nonetheless"-- Validating Technological Innovation The Introduction and Implementation of Onscreen Marking in Hong Kong *Springer* This book discusses Hong Kong's use of onscreen marking (OSM) in public examinations. Given that Hong Kong leads the way in OSM innovation, this book has arisen from a recognised need to provide a comprehensive, coherent account of the findings of various separate but linked validation studies of onscreen public examinations in Hong Kong. The authors discuss their experience of the validation process, demonstrating how high-stakes innovation should be fully validated by a series of research studies in order to satisfy key stakeholders. Cambridge IGCSE Geography *Collins Educational* An investigative approach to Cambridge IGCSE Geography, written in partnership with the Geographical Association. Encourage students to make links between case studies and their own local contexts as well as exploring the core themes and skills of the 0460 syllabus in the context of global case studies and processes. Prepare for exam success with full coverage of the core themes of Paper 1 (Population and Settlement, The Natural Environment, Economic Development and the Use of Resources) as well as the geographical and fieldwork skills elements of Papers 2, 3 and 4. Help students focus on achieving the best grades with excellent exam support for each Paper, with exam-style questions, answers at different levels and accompanying comments. Be confident in the content and approach - this resource is written by highly experienced Geography teachers, consulted edited by a CIE Principal Examiner, and produced in partnership with the UK Geographical Association - the home of best practice in Geography teaching. International Handbook of Migration, Minorities and Education Understanding Cultural and Social Differences in Processes of Learning *Springer Science & Business Media* Migrants and minorities are always at risk of being caught in essentialized cultural definitions and being denied the right to express their cultural preferences because they are perceived as threats to social cohesion. Migrants and minorities respond to these difficulties in multiple ways — as active agents in the pedagogical, political, social, and scientific processes that position them in this or that cultural sphere. On the one hand, they reject ascribed cultural attributes while striving towards integration in a variety of social spheres, e.g. school and workplace, in order to achieve social mobility. On the other hand, they articulate demands for cultural self-determination. This discursive duality is met with suspicion by the majority culture. For societies with high levels of migration or with substantial minority cultures, questions related to the meaning of cultural heterogeneity and the social and cultural limits of learning and communication (e.g. migration education or critical multiculturalism) are very important. It is precisely here where the chances for new beginnings and new trials become of great importance for educational theorizing, which urgently needs to find answers to current questions about individual freedom, community/cultural affiliations, and social and democratic cohesion. Answers to these questions must account for both 'political' and 'learning' perspectives at the macro, mezzo, and micro contextual levels. The contributions of this edited volume enhance the knowledge in the field of migrant/minority education, with a special emphasis on the meaning of culture and social learning for educational processes. Slavery and Secession in Arkansas A Documentary History *University of Arkansas Press* Not distributed; available at Arkansas State Library. Discovering Media Literacy Teaching Digital Media and Popular Culture in Elementary School *Corwin Press* Give digital kids a voice! Today's kids are digital natives, but what's the best way to help them become empowered and responsible communicators across different media? Discover insights and strategies specific to reaching children ages 5-12 in this guide from a nationally-acclaimed media literacy program. Readers will find: Thought-provoking lesson plans that reach students of all backgrounds and abilities Use of a wide range of technology tools, including the Internet, video, and mobile apps, An emphasis on online safety and development of essential critical thinking skills Materials for teacher professional development Mathematics Readers *Teacher Created Materials* The Skills for Life Survey A National Needs and Impact Survey of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT Skills *The Stationery Office* Basic skills tests (based on the National Standards for adult basic skills) were carried out between June 2002 and May 2003, on a sample of over eight thousand adults normally resident in England. The tests were combined with a background questionnaire (social survey). This report provides many detailed statistics but some of the the main findings are noted below. 44 per cent of the respondents achieved Level 2 or above in the literacy assessment, but 16 per cent were classified at Entry level 3. In the numeracy test, 25 per cent achieved Level 2 or above, but 47 per cent were classified at Entry level 3 or below. Overall, 47 per cent were classified at Entry level 3 or below, in either literacy or numeracy, and only 18 per cent achieved Level 2 or above for both literacy and numeracy. The Essential Guide to Doing a Health and Social Care Literature Review *Taylor & Francis* This step-by-step guide takes the reader logically through the process of undertaking a literature review, from determining when this methodology might be useful, through to publishing the findings. It is designed particularly for students undertaking a dissertation using literature review methodology. However, it also caters to practitioners who wish to review the existing evidence in order to develop practice. Key features of the text include: a chapter on what makes a good literature review, so that readers are clear and confident about what they're aiming for; discussion of the value of literature reviews, whether for fulfilling the requirements of a course or for developing practice; a chapter structure that reflects the structure of a typical dissertation by literature review, making the material intuitive and easy to navigate; case examples throughout to illustrate how methodological principles work in practice; a troubleshooting guide to provide support and advice on common problems when carrying out a literature review; advice on the dissemination of findings. Written by an established author with significant experience teaching and supervising students doing literature reviews, this invaluable text offers systematic and insightful advice on all aspects of literature review methodology, from problem identification to synthesizing information to forming conclusions. It is ideal for any student or practitioner in health and social care looking to undertake a literature review for study or practice purposes. Education and the Commercial Mindset *Harvard University Press* America's commitment to public schooling once seemed unshakable. But today the movement to privatize K-12 education is stronger than ever. A veteran teacher and administrator, Samuel E. Abrams examines the rise of market forces in public education and reveals how a commercial mindset has taken over. For decades, Milton Friedman and his disciples contended that private markets could deliver better schooling than governments. In the 1990s, this belief was put to the test by Edison Schools and other for-profit educational management organizations (EMOs). Edison grew rapidly, running schools in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and many other cities across the country. Yet disappointing academic and financial outcomes soon pushed the company and its competitors to the margins. The focus of EMOs on efficiency and results nevertheless found expression in federal policy with No Child Left Behind in 2002 and Race to the Top in 2009. The new ethos also defined nonprofit charter management organizations (CMOs) like KIPP that surfaced in the wake of EMOs and flourished. But the dependence of CMOs on philanthropists, tireless teachers, and students capable of abiding by rigid expectations limits their reach. Abrams argues that while the commercial mindset sidesteps fundamental challenges, public schools should adopt lessons from the business world. Citing foreign practices, he recommends raising teacher salaries to attract and retain talent, conferring more autonomy on educators to build ownership, and employing sampling techniques rather than universal assessments to gauge student progress. Mathematics Readers *Teacher Created Materials* Approaches and Strategies in Next Generation Science Learning *IGI Global* Approaches and Strategies in Next Generation Science Learning examines the challenges involved in the development of modern curriculum models, teaching strategies, and assessments in science education in order to prepare future students in the 21st century economies. This comprehensive collection of research brings together science educators, researchers and administrators interested in enhancing the teaching and learning of next generation science. Selected Papers from SDEWES 2017: The 12th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems *MDPI* This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Selected Papers from SDEWES 2017: The 12th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems" that was published in *Energies* Rural Education Across the World Models of Innovative Practice and Impact *Springer Nature* This book brings together authors from United States, South Africa, United Kingdom, China, Canada and Australia to provide insights and case studies from across a range of contexts to explore the interplay between the notions of rurality, innovation and education. The book reveals a hopeful and resilient approach to innovative rural education and scholarship collectively and provides important evidence to speak against an often deficit view of rural education. Three patterns are revealed, namely: the importance of place-attentive strategies, the importance of joined up alliances to maximise resources and networks and finally, the need to utilize alternative methodologies and frameworks that have a starting point of difference rather than deficit for any rural initiative or approach. By drawing from international examples and responding in innovative ways to rural education challenges, this book provides an opportunity to share international insights into innovations, interventions and partnerships that promote and support rural education in its broadest sense. Reset Your Child's Brain A Four-Week Plan to End Meltdowns, Raise Grades, and Boost Social Skills by Reversing the Effects of Electronic Screen-Time *New World Library* Increasing numbers of parents grapple with children who are acting out without obvious reason. Revved up and irritable, many of these children are diagnosed with ADHD, bipolar illness, autism, or other disorders but don't respond well to treatment. They are then medicated, often with poor results and unwanted side effects. Based on emerging scientific research and extensive clinical experience, integrative child psychiatrist Dr. Victoria Dunckley has pioneered a four-week program to treat the frequent underlying cause, Electronic Screen Syndrome (ESS). Dr. Dunckley has found that everyday use of interactive screen devices — such as computers, video games, smartphones, and tablets — can easily overstimulate a child's nervous system, triggering a variety of stubborn symptoms. In contrast, she's discovered that a strict, extended electronic fast single-handedly improves mood, focus, sleep, and behavior, regardless of the child's diagnosis. It also reduces the need for medication and renders other treatments more effective. Offered now in this book, this simple intervention can produce a life-changing shift in brain function and help your child get back on track — all without cost or medication. While no one in today's connected world can completely shun electronic stimuli, Dr. Dunckley provides hope for parents who feel that their child has been misdiagnosed or inappropriately medicated, by presenting an alternative explanation for their child's difficulties and a concrete plan for treating them. Language Planning in Africa The Cameroon, Sudan and Zimbabwe *Routledge* This volume focuses on language planning in the Cameroon, Sudan and Zimbabwe, explaining the linguistic diversity, historical and political contexts, current language situation (including language-in-education planning), the role of the media, the role of religion and the roles of non-indigenous languages. The authors are indigenous to the situations described, and draw on their experience and extensive fieldwork there. The extended case studies contained in this volume draw together the literature on each of the polities to present an overview of the existing research available, while also providing new research-based information. The purpose of this volume is to provide an up-to-date overview of the language situation in each polity based on a series of key questions, in the hope that this might facilitate the development of a richer theory to guide language policy and planning in other polities where similar issues may arise. This book comprises case studies originally published in the journal *Current Issues in Language Planning*. Advanced Strategies and Models for Integrating RTI in Secondary Schools *IGI Global* To better identify and assist struggling students and avoid unnecessary placement into special education services, the service delivery model response to intervention (RTI) is used with the general education population. Even though RTI has been studied in elementary schools for many years, further research on its use at the secondary academic level is scarce. Advanced Strategies and Models for Integrating RTI in Secondary Schools provides emerging research exploring the advanced theoretical and practical aspects of the use of RTI to assist teachers in providing research-based instructional strategies to students who are failing their academic subjects. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as behavioral response, progress monitoring, and career readiness, this book is ideally designed for educators, researchers, and academic professionals seeking current research on the most effective models in place to promote positive student academic achievement. Getting Children Writing Story Ideas for Children Aged 3 to 11 *SAGE* 'This is a fantastic book which provides creative and practical suggestions of how to engage all children in writing' - Sarah Martin-Denham, Senior Lecturer in Primary Education, University of Sunderland This book is a practical guide designed to stimulate story writing in the early years and primary classroom. It offers a collection of novel and effective ideas which can be used by educators to energise, excite and motivate children to willingly write stories across the 3-11 age phase. Each chapter offers creative and innovative ideas to get children writing

stories, including: - how to help children 'see the point' of story writing - how speaking and listening, reading and phonics can be utilised to enhance written stories - how technology can facilitate refreshing story writing - how story writing can be physically interactive. By combining theory with practice, this book is ideal for those training to teach the 3 to 11 age range, those beginning their teaching career, and those who are established in their professional role. Simon Brownhill is Senior Teaching Associate at the University of Cambridge. *Helping Children Learn Mathematics* John Wiley & Sons The third edition of Reys' *Helping Children Learn Mathematics* is a practical resource for undergraduate students of primary school teaching. Rich in ideas, tools and stimulation for lessons during teaching rounds or in the classroom, this edition continues to provide a clear understanding of how to navigate the Australian Curriculum, with detailed coverage on how to effectively use Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in the classroom. This is a full colour printed textbook with an interactive eBook code included. Great self-study features include: auto-graded in-situ knowledge check questions, video of teachers demonstrating how different maths topics can be taught in the classroom and animated, branched chain scenarios are in the e-text. *Policing at the Top The Roles, Values and Attitudes of Chief Police Officers* Policy Press Based on confidential interviews with a large number of chief police officers, *Policing at the Top* presents a revealing analysis of these important figures in British society. Bryan Caless provides a cross-section of this often neglected occupation as well as a broad introduction to the process of becoming a senior police officer and the expectations, pitfalls, and challenges of leadership. With security and safety issues of paramount concern to all citizens, this topical book offers a vital glimpse into the minds of those who exert a profound influence over how society deals with crime, disaffection, and marginalization. *FirstSchool Transforming PreK-3rd Grade for African American, Latino, and Low-Income Children* Teachers College Press *FirstSchool* is a groundbreaking framework for teaching minority and low-income children. This work discusses the research and practice to date that defines *FirstSchool* as a critical approach to closing the achievement and opportunity gaps. Changing the conversation from improving test scores to improving school experiences, it features lessons learned from eight elementary schools whose leadership and staff implemented sustainable changes in their classrooms and schools. The authors detail how to use education research and data to provide a rationale for change; how to promote professional learning that is genuinely collaborative and respectful; and how to employ developmentally appropriate teaching strategies that focus on the needs of minority and low-income children. "We can greatly benefit from applying the knowledge, experience, and wisdom of the authors of this important book to reforming early schooling, teaching, and learning for our most vulnerable children and thereby keep the promise of American democracy—namely, a level playing field and a chance to succeed fully on one's merits. As a nation we cannot continue to tolerate failure or make excuses when examples such as *FirstSchool* suggest a proven way forward." —From the Foreword by Aisha Ray, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Faculty, Erikson Institute "Sharon Ritchie and Laura Gutmann have written a terrific book. *FirstSchool* is one of the few volumes that provides the details of this important educational innovation—a redesign of the pathway through which children enter public education. Given the formative importance of these early years of schooling and child development, this volume should be on the agenda of every school board meeting." —Robert Pianta, dean, Curry School of Education, director, Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning, University of Virginia **Book Features:** Case studies illustrating developmentally appropriate practices that can be applied across varied PreK-3 contexts. Key principles used by *FirstSchool* and its partners to reinvigorate the professionalism of teachers. Concrete guidance for choosing and using relevant data, enriching the curriculum, improving instruction, and developing home-school partnerships. Contributors: Cindy Bagwell, Richard M. Clifford, Carolyn T. Cobb, Gisele M. Crawford, Diane M. Early, Sandra C. García, Cristina Gillanders, Adam L. Holland, Iheoma U. Iruka, Jenille Morgan, Sam Oertwig Sharon Ritchie is the director of *FirstSchool* at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Laura Gutmann is a research assistant for the *FirstSchool* project with experience in nonprofit management and early childhood education. *Counseling 21st Century Students for Optimal College and Career Readiness A 9th-12th Grade Curriculum* Routledge In order for students to compete in today's global economy, our schools need to help them develop better cognitive and technological skills. School counselors have an enormous impact on students' achievement and their success in their post-secondary education, yet initiatives to improve student outcomes often overlook them. Fitzpatrick and Costantini present their own action-based curriculum for high school counselors that will meet the needs of 21st century students, helping to foster their growth and ambition and actively engage them in learning what they need to succeed beyond high school. Important steps covered in this curriculum include Making the transition to ninth grade successful Using technology in the advising process, such as online resources for college and career research, assessing interests, and structuring advising sessions Preparing for standardized testing and using it to motivate students about the college application process Assisting students in researching careers and colleges, making the most of college visits, applying for college, and writing the application essay Equally important, the book focuses on the counselor and his or her role as an advocate and leader for students and details running a guidance office, working with parents, and writing Secondary School Reports. While applicable for all school counselors and students, the authors' curriculum has a special focus on students in urban public schools to enable them to have the same experiences as their counterparts in suburban and private schools. Accompanying downloadable resources contain the tables, exercises, and charts from the book so they can be easily accessed and reproduced. *Visual Mathematics and Cyberlearning* Springer Science & Business Media This first book in the series will describe the Net Generation as visual learners who thrive when surrounded with new technologies and whose needs can be met with the technological innovations. These new learners seek novel ways of studying, such as collaborating with peers, multitasking, as well as use of multimedia, the Internet, and other Information and Communication Technologies. Here we present mathematics as a contemporary subject that is engaging, exciting and enlightening in new ways. For example, in the distributed environment of cyber space, mathematics learners play games, watch presentations on YouTube, create Java applets of mathematics simulations and exchange thoughts over the Instant Messaging tool. How should mathematics education resonate with these learners and technological novelties that excite them? *Using Design Research and History to Tackle a Fundamental Problem with School Algebra* Springer In this well-illustrated book the authors, Sinan Kanbir, Ken Clements, and Nerida Ellerton, tackle a persistent, and universal, problem in school mathematics—why do so many middle-school and secondary-school students find it difficult to learn algebra well? What makes the book important are the unique features which comprise the design-research approach that the authors adopted in seeking a solution to the problem. The first unique feature is that the authors offer an overview of the history of school algebra. Despite the fact that algebra has been an important component of secondary-school mathematics for more than three centuries, there has never been a comprehensive historical analysis of factors influencing the teaching and learning of that component. The authors identify, through historical analysis, six purposes of school algebra: (a) algebra as a body of knowledge essential to higher mathematical and scientific studies, (b) algebra as generalized arithmetic, (c) algebra as a prerequisite for entry to higher studies, (d) algebra as offering a language and set of procedures for modeling real-life problems, (e) algebra as an aid to describing structural properties in elementary mathematics, and (f) algebra as a study of variables. They also raise the question whether school algebra represents a unidimensional trait. Kanbir, Clements and Ellerton offer an unusual hybrid theoretical framework for their intervention study (by which seventh-grade students significantly improved their elementary algebra knowledge and skills). Their theoretical frame combined Charles Sanders Peirce's triadic signifier-interpretant-signified theory, which is in the realm of semiotics, with Johann Friedrich Herbart's theory of apperception, and Ken Clements' and Gina Del Campo's theory relating to the need to expand modes of communications in mathematics classrooms so that students engage in receptive and expressive modes. Practicing classroom teachers formed part of the research team. This book appears in Springer's series on the "History of Mathematics Education." Not only does it include an important analysis of the history of school algebra, but it also adopts a theoretical frame which relies more on "theories from the past," than on contemporary theories in the field of mathematics education. The results of the well-designed classroom intervention are sufficiently impressive that the study might have created and illuminated a pathway for future researchers to take. *The Oxford Handbook of Adolescent Substance Abuse* Oxford University Press, USA Adolescent substance abuse is the nation's #1 public health problem. It originates out of a developmental era where experimentation with the world is increasingly taking place, and where major changes in physical self and social relationships are taking place. These changes cannot be understood by any one discipline nor can they be described by focusing only on the behavioral and social problems of this age period, the characteristics of normal development, or the pharmacology and addictive potential of specific drugs. They require knowledge of the brain's systems of reward and control, genetics, psychopharmacology, personality, child development, psychopathology, family dynamics, peer group relationships, culture, social policy, and more. Drawing on the expertise of the leading researchers in this field, this Handbook provides the most comprehensive summarization of current knowledge about adolescent substance abuse. The Handbook is organized into eight sections covering the literature on the developmental context of this life period, the epidemiology of adolescent use and abuse, similarities and differences in use, addictive potential, and consequences of use for different drugs; etiology and course as characterized at different levels of mechanistic analysis ranging from the genetic and neural to the behavioural and social. Two sections cover the clinical ramifications of abuse, and prevention and intervention strategies to most effectively deal with these problems. The Handbook's last section addresses the role of social policy in framing the problem, in addressing it, and explores its potential role in alleviating it.