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Beat burnout with time-saving best practices for feedback For ELA teachers, the danger of burnout is all too real. Inundated with seemingly insurmountable piles of papers to read, respond to, and grade, many teachers often find themselves struggling to balance differentiated, individualized feedback with the one resource they are already overextended on—time. Matthew Johnson offers classroom-tested solutions that not only alleviate the feedback-

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burnout cycle, but also lead to significant growth for students. These time-saving strategies built on best practices for feedback help to improve relationships, ignite motivation, and increase student ownership of learning. Flash Feedback also takes teachers to the next level of strategic feedback by sharing: How to craft effective, efficient, and more memorable feedback Strategies for scaffolding students through the meta-cognitive work necessary for real revision A plan for how to create a culture of feedback, including lessons for how to train students in meaningful peer response

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Downloadable online tools for teacher and student use Moving beyond the theory of working smarter, not harder, Flash Feedback works deeper by developing practices for teacher efficiency that also boost effectiveness by increasing students' self-efficacy, improving the clarity of our messages, and ultimately creating a classroom centered around meaningful feedback.

Implement standards-based grading practices that help students succeed! Classroom assessment methods should help students develop to their full potential, but meshing traditional grading practices with students'

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achievement on standards has been difficult. Making lasting changes to grading practices requires both knowledge and willpower. Discover eight guidelines for good grading, recommendations for practical applications, and suggestions for implementing new grading practices as well as: ? The why's and the how-to's of implementing standards-based grading practices ? Tips from 48 nationally and internationally known authors and consultants ? Additional information on utilizing level scores rather than percentages ? Reflective exercises ?

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Techniques for managing grading more efficiently  
Grading for Equity What It Is, Why It Matters, and How It Can Transform Schools and Classrooms Corwin Press  
Transform Your Classroom with Tech Tools You Already Know With Control Alt Achieve, educational-technology wizard Eric Curts offers you the keys to revolutionizing classroom learning with the Google tools you already use.  
Dazzle your students by transforming Google Docs into blackout poetry, fire up creative possibilities by using Google Slides for comic strips, and make math more accessible--and fun--by

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turning to Google Drawings as an unlikely ally. With Eric as your guide to the technological horizons of Google tools, the possibilities are endless. With the step-by-step and easy-to-follow directions in Control Alt Achieve, you'll learn how to use common digital tools in unexpected ways. Whether you're new to technology or have been using Google tools for years, Eric Curts will help you innovate as you educate with ready-to-use activities that will reboot--and transform--your classroom. Reading this book is like sitting in on a presentation from one of educational

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technology's best presenters. Eric's writing reminds me of his sessions: comfortable and accessible for new tech users, while still valuable for experienced users. Jake Miller, @JakeMillerTech, host of The Educational Duct Tape Podcast Control Alt Achieve provides both practical and pedagogical strategies that go way beyond simple technology integration. This is a great handbook for any teacher looking to go beyond the how-to and shift toward a learning transformation. Ken Shelton, kennethshelton.net In this book, Eric has created a powerful method

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for meaningfully integrating technology into teaching and learning. His unique way of crafting technology-rich experiences will allow anyone from a novice techie to an edtech expert the ability to control, alt, achieve! Michael Cohen, the Tech Rabbi, creativity instigator and author of Educated by Design Notebook: Funny Blank Lined Journal Linking Grades to Standards What Every First-Year Teacher Should Know First Teacher Time Labor-based Grading Contracts How Spider Web Discussion Can Turn Students into



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Learning Leaders  
Beyond Standardization  
Occupational Outlook  
Handbook

***Based on the author's experiences as parents, teacher, economist, and school board member, this book is for teachers, parents, and administrators about the most fundamental, basic element in any good school, the time of a good teacher. Teacher Time's message is simple. American students need more of each teacher's time. Teachers need more time to spend on each student, time to plan, grade papers and***

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***make decisions about resources. America must adopt and pay for the model used for public schools in the rest of the developed world, where teachers teach many less class hours. In Teacher Time, classroom stories reveal the nature of the American School, the teacher's job, how little time a teacher has for each child, and how school management affects the quality of the teacher's time with students. A "homework" section helps readers take the book into their school and school district, to take steps toward providing more quality***

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***teacher time for each child in America. (The book's) cogent argument and evidence for the centrality of teachers and the time they must have should give readers pause as they listen to the current debate over high-stakes testing, social promotion, and accountability. Larry Cuban, Stanford University.***

***How to Go Gradeless -- Assessment That Makes Learning Visible. It's time to shift the conversation and make learning visible. Now, you can easily stop reducing students to a number, letter, or any label that misrepresents***

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***learning. Today, you can make assessment a rich, ongoing conversation that inspires learning.***

***One day, third-grade teacher Kyle Schwartz asked her students to fill-in-the-blank in this sentence: "I wish my teacher knew \_\_\_\_." The results astounded her. Some answers were humorous, others were heartbreaking-all were profoundly moving and enlightening. The results opened her eyes to the need for educators to understand the unique realities their students face in order to create an open, safe and***

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***supportive place in the classroom. When Schwartz shared her experience online, #IWishMyTeacherKnew became an immediate worldwide viral phenomenon. Schwartz's book tells the story of #IWishMyTeacherKnew, including many students' emotional and insightful responses, and ultimately provides an invaluable guide for teachers, parents, and communities.***

***According to author Mike Schmoker, there is a yawning gap between the most well-known essential practices and the reality of most classrooms.***

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***This gap persists despite the hard, often heroic work done by many teachers and administrators. Schmoker believes that teachers and administrators may know what the best practices are, but they aren't using them or reinforcing them consistently. He asserts that our schools are protected by a buffer--a protective barrier that prevents scrutiny of instruction by outsiders. The buffer exists within the school as well. Teachers often know only what is going on in their classrooms--and they may be completely in the dark about***

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***what other teachers in the school are doing. Even principals, says Schmoker, don't have a clear view of the daily practices of teaching and learning in their schools. Schmoker suggests that we need to get beyond this buffer to confront the truth about what is happening in classrooms, and to allow teachers to learn from each other and to be supervised properly. He outlines a plan that focuses on the importance of consistent curriculum, authentic literacy education, and professional learning communities for***

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***teachers. What will students get out of this new approach? Learning for life. Schmoker argues passionately that students become learners for life when they have more opportunities to engage in strategic reading, writing with explicit guidance, and argument and discussion. Through strong teamwork, true leadership, and authentic learning, schools and their students can reach new heights. Results Now is a rally cry for educators to focus on what counts. If they do, Schmoker promises, the entire school community can count***



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***on unprecedented  
achievements.***

***Results Now***

***I Wish My Teacher Knew***

***A Tool for Learning and***

***Assessment in College***

***Specifications Grading***

***Why American Children Feel***

***Good About Themselves But***

***Can't Read, Write, Or Add***

***Control Alt Achieve***

***Keeping the Wonder***

***Assessing & Grading in the***

***Differentiated Classroom***

In this useful and practical book, Elisa Carbone offers a wealth of sound advice on how to deal with a large class, from the first day to end of term evaluations. Full of

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examples taken from many different disciplines, *Teaching Large Classes* will be an ideal companion for any teacher facing the challenge of the large introductory class.

Linda Nilson puts forward an innovative but practical and tested approach to grading--the specifications grading paradigm--which restructures assessments to streamline the grading process and greatly reduce grading time, empower students to choose the level of attainment they want to achieve, reduce antagonism between the evaluator and the evaluated, and increase student receptivity to meaningful feedback, thus facilitating the learning process

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- all while upholding rigor. In addition, specs grading increases students' motivation to do well by making expectations clear, lowering their stress and giving them agency in determining their course goals. Among the unique characteristics of the schema, all of which simplify faculty decision making, are the elimination of partial credit, the reliance on a one-level grading rubric and the "bundling" of assignments and tests around learning outcomes. Successfully completing more challenging bundles (or modules) earns a student a higher course grade. Specs grading works equally well in small and large class settings and encourages

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"authentic assessment." Used consistently over time, it can restore credibility to grades by demonstrating and making transparent to all stakeholders the learning outcomes that students achieve.

"An exploration of moving away from traditional letter or number grades as an assessment and as a result producing more thoughtful students whose learning is more authentic"--

You have a very distinct schedule during the school year. Drink coffee. Teach lessons. Grade papers. Repeat. Please notice that sleep is not included in that plan!! Let people know you're a teacher with

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your notebook. Whether you're looking for funny coffee prints, teacher products, or designs for teachers, you're covered with a Coffee - Teach - Grade - Repeat notebook. This notebook is a great gift idea for men, women, and kids. This notebook makes a perfect present for a birthday, anniversary, graduation, Christmas or any other gift giving occasion.

The College Classroom Assessment Compendium

A Practical Guide to the College Instructor's Daily Assessment Life  
Flash Feedback [Grades 6-12]

10 Ways to Go Gradeless in a Traditional Grades School

Classroom Assessment and the

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National Science Education  
Standards

What It Is, Why It Matters, and How  
It Can Transform Schools and  
Classrooms

Grading for Equity

Coffee - Teach - Grade - Repeat

**Differentiated instruction is a nice idea, but what happens when it comes to assessing and grading students? What's both fair and leads to real student learning? Fair Isn't Always Equal answers that question and much more. Rick Wormeli offers the latest research and common sense thinking that teachers and administrators seek when it comes to assessment and grading in differentiated classes. Filled with real examples and**

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**“gray” areas that middle and high school educators will easily recognize, Rick tackles important and sometimes controversial assessment and grading issues constructively. The book covers high-level concepts, ranging from “rationale for differentiating assessment and grading” to “understanding mastery” as well as the nitty-gritty details of grading and assessment, such as: whether to incorporate effort, attendance, and behavior into academic grades; whether to grade homework; setting up grade books and report cards to reflect differentiated practices; principles of successful assessment; how to create useful and fair test questions, including how to grade such prompts**

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**efficiently; whether to allow students to re-do assessments for full credit. This thorough and practical guide also includes a special section for teacher leaders that explores ways to support colleagues as they move toward successful assessment and grading practices for differentiated classrooms. Evaluating a student's progress as a writer requires striking a delicate balance between the student's needs and the school's needs. This collection of essays offers several innovative options, concluding with ideas for formulating plans of action for introducing grading alternatives in classrooms, schools, and districts.**

**Asao B. Inoue argues for the use**



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**of labor-based grading contracts along with compassionate practices to determine course grades as a way to do social justice work with students. Embarking on your first solo road trip. Receiving a special surprise that arrives out of the blue. Finding a sudden flash of inspiration that sets you on a wondrous new path. When we think about the moments that stand out in our memory, it's clear that our minds hold onto the unusual or unexpected. By tapping into students' innate curiosity, you can design memorable, meaningful learning experiences that captivate their interest and ignite their imaginations. Structured around four key elements that fuel**

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**engagement-surprise, curiosity, freedom, and inspiration-Keeping the Wonder offers practical strategies and abundant inspiration for K-12 educators to create lessons that are fun and compelling. Combining enchanting anecdotes, real-world experience, and a wealth of research, the authors share their collective expertise as educators and founders of the innovative Keeping the Wonder workshop. In this dynamic handbook, Jenna, Ashley, Abby, and Staci offer a fresh approach to learning through the lens of wonder. By providing creative ideas for switching up standard lesson plans in ways both subtle and profound, they show us how to recapture our fascination with**

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**the world by employing all of our senses, and enhance engagement and critical thinking for students and teachers alike. Endorsements Before reading Keeping the Wonder, I saw my social studies classroom for what it was: brick walls, desks, and a few colorful posters. Today, I see magic seeping through the cracks of every space. Keeping the Wonder reignited my passion for student engagement and learning with every turn of the page. -Dr. Jacob Bauer Zebley, high school social studies teacher and 2015 Cecil County Teacher of the Year From personal stories, practical advice, and research-based strategies, Keeping the Wonder is a book you will reach for time and again. After reading,**

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**you'll start looking not just at your own classroom and curriculum through the lens of wonder, but the world around you. A must read for any teacher who is looking to bring that sense of curiosity and love of learning back into their classroom. -Caitlin Mitchell and Jessica Cannata, cofounders of EB Academics and bestselling authors of The Empowered ELA Teacher**

**Dumbing Down Our Kids  
A Grade Book and Assignment Record for Teachers. Calculate Semester Progress and Mark Progress on a Convenient Graph Paper  
Love, Teach**

**How to Handle Difficult Parents**

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### **How to Grade for Learning Gradebook for Teachers Why Rating Students Undermines Learning (and What to Do Instead)**

*Passion cannot be faked. Students can tell when we're just going through the motions. But how can you summon the energy to teach with passion when there are so many distractions pulling you from what really matters? And if you barely have time for taking care of yourself, how can you have anything left to give your students? Don't wait for teaching to become fun again: plan for it! Your enthusiasm will become*

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*unshakeable as you learn how to: -Create curriculum "bright spots" that you can't wait to teach -Gain energy from kids instead of letting them drain you -Uncover real meaning and purpose for every single lesson -Incorporate playfulness and make strong connections with kids -Stop letting test scores and evaluations define your success -Construct a self-running classroom that frees you to teach -Say "no" without guilt and make your "yes" really count -Establish healthy, balanced habits for bringing work home -Determine what matters most and let go of the rest -Innovate and adapt to*

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*make teaching an adventure Unshakeable is a collection of inspiring mindset shifts and practical, teacher-tested ideas for getting more satisfaction from your job. It's an approach that guides you to find your inner drive and intrinsic motivation which no one can take away. Unshakeable will help you incorporate a love of life into your teaching, and a love of teaching into your life. Learn how to tap into what makes your work inherently rewarding and enjoy teaching every day...no matter what. A Teacher Markbook, Perfect for Any Classroom Track students grades and*

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*assignments with this helpful and easy-to-use book. Track each student grades of different subjects, then calculate class semester progress and mark this progress on convenient graph papers. Then use this graph paper readings to evaluate your class progressions. This book also makes it easy to view trends over time in assignments, so you can tell which students might need a little extra help, or so you can pick topics to review based on student marks. contains all the Academic tools you need to follow up your students in the most convenient manner*



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*through out the school year*  
*Sections available in this book*  
*include :* \* *Academic calendar,*  
*which runs from September1,*  
*2021 to August31, 2022;* \*  
*Calendar portrait orientation,*  
*1 page, year at a glance with*  
*federal holidays and*  
*observances.* \* *Class awards*  
*checklist pages* \* *One grade*  
*page has 30 sections for 30*  
*students & 8 columns for each*  
*lesson* \* *Double sided pages* \*  
*Grade plot graphs* \* *Perfect*  
*notebook for any classroom ;* \*  
*Target grades & Actual grades*  
*;* \* *Teacher's comments ;* \* *A*  
*Beautiful Botanical Greenery*  
*cover* \* *With this gradebook,*  
*organise your school year in*

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*style with all of your appointments and class schedule in one central spot. \* makes a smart, useful, and productive Christmas or birthday gift for your loved ones or close friends. \**

*Designed in the USA Buy Now & Relax*

*Recently retired teachers Bob and Chris Pierce share their combined seventy years of experience, wisdom, and success in this guidebook tailored to help the beginning teacher both understand and deal effectively with the rules and rituals that play such a major role in achieving success in today's public*

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*school. For those about to embark on a career in teaching, it can be a nerve-racking time. From the first day a novice educator walks into the school building, several challenges loom ahead that have nothing to do with planning lessons or grading papers. Therefore, Bob and Chris offer practical advice on topics such as teacher/student interactions, professional demeanor, territorial colleagues, and student stereotyping. One tip, for example, offers valuable guidance on how to praise a student: "Perhaps quietly congratulate or compliment a*

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*student as he enters or exits the classroom. Many times such one-on-one attention is taken as more sincere and less embarrassing than a public demonstration would be." Additionally, motivational quotes for teachers are sprinkled throughout the guide. This handbook provides illuminating insights to help beginning educators master their educational surroundings and circumstances and, in turn, begin to create a positive professional persona and reputation.*

*Offers an expose of American public education, charging that faddish educational*

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*theories and the drive to  
inflate students' self-esteem  
are causing standards to  
decline*

*How We Can Achieve  
Unprecedented Improvements  
in Teaching and Learning  
The Schools Our Children  
Deserve*

*Responding to Student Writing  
Better and Faster - Without  
Burning Out*

*Creating Online Learning  
Experiences*

*Lesson Plan Book*

*The Knowledge Gap*

*A Tool for Learning and  
Assessment*

*Real Stories and Honest  
Advice to Keep Teachers from*

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### *Crying Under Their Desks*

You can't do it all ... and you don't have to try.

Classroom-tested strategies to help new and experienced math teachers thrive Math teachers must not only instruct their students in basic mathematical skills and concepts, they must also prepare them for standardized tests, provide instruction in the use of technology, and teach problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. At the same time, they must also manage their other responsibilities – taking attendance, planning, grading, record-keeping, disciplining, and communicating with parents and administrators. This book provides efficient and practical information

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on the management skills necessary to succeed in this most challenging profession. Offers realistic suggestions and strategies for planning and delivering effective math instruction Helps math teachers achieve excellence and continue to be enthusiastic and successful in their teaching careers Includes reproducible forms to help math teachers stay on top of everything they need to do The Math Teacher's Survival Guide contains a wealth of useful tools and strategies that can help any math teacher succeed in the classroom.

The untold story of the root cause of America's education crisis--and the seemingly endless cycle of

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multigenerational poverty. It was only after years within the education reform movement that Natalie Wexler stumbled across a hidden explanation for our country's frustrating lack of progress when it comes to providing every child with a quality education. The problem wasn't one of the usual scapegoats: lazy teachers, shoddy facilities, lack of accountability. It was something no one was talking about: the elementary school curriculum's intense focus on decontextualized reading comprehension "skills" at the expense of actual knowledge. In the tradition of Dale Russakoff's *The Prize* and Dana Goldstein's *The Teacher Wars*, Wexler brings together history, research, and



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compelling characters to pull back the curtain on this fundamental flaw in our education system--one that fellow reformers, journalists, and policymakers have long overlooked, and of which the general public, including many parents, remains unaware. But *The Knowledge Gap* isn't just a story of what schools have gotten so wrong--it also follows innovative educators who are in the process of shedding their deeply ingrained habits, and describes the rewards that have come along: students who are not only excited to learn but are also acquiring the knowledge and vocabulary that will enable them to succeed. If we truly want to fix our education system and unlock the

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potential of our neediest children, we have no choice but to pay attention.

Hopeful, hilarious musings and serious advice for new teachers from the formerly anonymous blogger behind Love, Teach. Every teacher will tell you the first years are the hardest, and even the most confident of the pack sometimes ask themselves, Am I cut out for this? Kelly Treleaven, the teacher and once-anonymous blogger behind Love, Teach, wants you to know that you're not alone, and that yes, she has cried under her desk, too. Treleaven's blog has become a sensation in the education world, known for its heartfelt, high-spirited dispatches straight from the

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trenches and its practical advice. In Treleaven's debut book, she gives rookie teachers the advice she wishes she'd had when she started out in a large district in Houston. From logistical questions like how to prep and organize a classroom, to deeper issues like how to build relationships with students, navigate administration, and avoid burnout, *Love, Teach* is an essential book for anyone working in education today or considering the profession. With raw feeling, humor, and a razor-sharp perspective, *Love, Teach* supports teachers in their fight for a better future, and helps them celebrate the victories, large and small.

Unshakeable

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Restoring Rigor, Motivating  
Students, and Saving Faculty Time  
How One Question Can Change  
Everything for Our Kids  
The First Year and Beyond  
A Brief Guide to Online Courses,  
from Small and Private to Massive  
and Open  
Hacking Assessment  
Point-Less  
Rebooting Your Classroom with  
Creative Google Projects  
The College Classroom  
Assessment Compendium  
provides new and seasoned  
instructors with comprehensive  
strategies, perspectives, and  
solutions for the daily challenges  
and issues involved in student  
assessment. Composed of cross-  
referenced, research-based

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entries organized for effective and immediate access, this book provides systematic explanations of assessment policies and practices, including guidelines for classroom implementation. Situated beyond the techniques covered in most instructor training and preparation, these practical entries draw from a variety of disciplines and offer an invaluable reference for college instructors interested in developing coherent, reliable classroom assessment climates. The second edition of *Effective Grading*—the book that has become a classic in the field—provides a proven hands-on guide for evaluating student work and offers an in-depth examination of the link between

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teaching and grading. Authors Barbara E. Walvoord and Virginia Johnson Anderson explain that grades are not isolated artifacts but part of a process that, when integrated with course objectives, provides rich information about student learning, as well as being a tool for learning itself. The authors show how the grading process can be used for broader assessment objectives, such as curriculum and institutional assessment. This thoroughly revised and updated edition includes a wealth of new material including: Expanded integration of the use of technology and online teaching A sample syllabus with goals, outcomes, and criteria for student work New

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developments in assessment for grant-funded projects Additional information on grading group work, portfolios, and service-learning experiences New strategies for aligning tests and assignments with learning goals Current thought on assessment in departments and general education, using classroom work for program assessments, and using assessment data systematically to "close the loop" Material on using the best of classroom assessment to foster institutional assessment New case examples from colleges and universities, including community colleges "When the first edition of Effective Grading came out, it quickly became the go-to book on evaluating student learning. This

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second edition, especially with its extension into evaluating the learning goals of departments and general education programs, will make it even more valuable for everyone working to improve teaching and learning in higher education." —L. Dee Fink, author, *Creating Significant Learning Experiences* "Informed by encounters with hundreds of faculty in their workshops, these two accomplished teachers, assessors, and faculty developers have created another essential text. Current faculty, as well as graduate students who aspire to teach in college, will carry this edition in a briefcase for quick reference to scores of examples of classroom teaching and assessment techniques and ways



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to use students' classroom work in demonstrating departmental and institutional effectiveness."

—Trudy W. Banta, author, *Designing Effective Assessment*

Use teacher-made tests, appropriate testing accommodations, technology-based testing, and classroom-based assessments to give students with diverse needs the opportunity to achieve!

This is the long-awaited update on the bestselling book that offers a practical, accessible reference manual for faculty in any discipline. This new edition contains up-to-date information on technology as well as expanding on the ideas and strategies presented in the first edition. It includes more than

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sixty-one chapters designed to improve the teaching of beginning, mid-career, or senior faculty members. The topics cover both traditional tasks of teaching as well as broader concerns, such as diversity and inclusion in the classroom and technology in educational settings.

Fair Isn't Always Equal  
Alternatives to Grading Student Writing

Moving Beyond Traditional Classrooms and "tougher Standards"

Fewer Things, Better: The Courage to Focus on What Matters Most

Tips on Becoming Seasoned and Savvy in the Public School Setting

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Proven Solutions for Teachers  
Ungrading

A Guide for Teachers

*The National Science Education Standards address not only what students should learn about science but also how their learning should be assessed. How do we know what they know? This accompanying volume to the Standards focuses on a key kind of assessment: the evaluation that occurs regularly in the classroom, by the teacher and his or her students as interacting participants. As students conduct experiments, for example, the teacher circulates around the room and asks individuals about their findings, using the feedback*

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*to adjust lessons plans and take other actions to boost learning. Focusing on the teacher as the primary player in assessment, the book offers assessment guidelines and explores how they can be adapted to the individual classroom. It features examples, definitions, illustrative vignettes, and practical suggestions to help teachers obtain the greatest benefit from this daily evaluation and tailoring process. The volume discusses how classroom assessment differs from conventional testing and grading- and how it fits into the larger, comprehensive assessment system.*

*This book provides an updated*

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*look at issues that comprise the online learning experience creation process. As online learning evolves, the lines and distinctions between various classifications of courses has blurred and often vanished. Classic elements of instructional design remain relevant at the same time that newer concepts of learning experience are growing in importance. However, problematic issues new and old still have to be addressed. This handbook explores many of these topics for new and experienced designers alike, whether creating traditional online courses, open learning experiences, or anything in between.*

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*The grading process can yield rich information about student learning. Effective Grading enables faculty to go beyond using grades as isolated artifacts and helps them make classroom grading processes more fair, time-efficient, and conducive to learning.*

*Classroom assessment of student learning can then contribute to departmental and general-education assessment in ways that meet the needs of institutions and accrediting agencies. Tailored to specific needs of faculty members who seek to make grading a valuable part of student learning and motivation, Effective Grading balances assessment theory and hands-on advice. It offers an in-*

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*depth examination of the link between teaching and grading and provides concrete guidance on such critical steps as setting and communicating grading standards, developing assignments to grade, managing time spent on grading, and providing feedback for students.*

*This indispensable handbook provides helpful strategies for dealing with both the everyday challenges of university teaching and those that arise in efforts to maximize learning for every student. The suggested strategies are supported by research and adaptable to specific classroom situations. Rather than suggest a “set of recipes” to be followed*

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*mechanically, the book gives instructors the tools they need to deal with the ever-changing dynamics of teaching and learning. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections*

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Tools for Teaching  
Helping Your Students with Homework*

*The Best Class You Never Taught  
Effective Grading*

*The hidden cause of America's*



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*broken education system--and how to fix it*

*Tools and Strategies*

*An English Teacher's Guide to More Meaningful Grading*

The moment is right for critical reflection on what has been assumed to be a core part of schooling. In *Ungrading*, fifteen educators write about their diverse experiences going gradeless. Some contributors are new to the practice and some have been engaging in it for decades. Some are in humanities and social sciences, some in STEM fields. Some are in higher education, but some are the K-12 pioneers who led the way. Based on rigorous and replicated research, this is the first book to show why and how faculty who wish to focus on learning, rather than sorting or judging,

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might proceed. It includes honest reflection on what makes ungrading challenging, and testimonials about what makes it transformative.

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The best classes have a life of their own, powered by student-led conversations that explore texts, ideas, and essential questions. In these classes, the teacher's role shifts from star player to observer and coach as the students Think critically, Work collaboratively, Participate fully, Behave ethically, Ask and answer high-level questions, Support their ideas

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with evidence, and Evaluate and assess their own work. The Spider Web Discussion is a simple technique that puts this kind of class within every teacher ' s reach. The name comes from the weblike diagram the observer makes to record interactions as students actively participate in the discussion, lead and support one another ' s learning, and build community. It ' s proven to work across all subject areas and with all ages, and you only need a little know-how, a rubric, and paper and pencil to get started. As students practice Spider Web Discussion, they become stronger communicators, more empathetic teammates, better problem solvers, and more independent learners—college and career ready skills that serve them well in the classroom and beyond. Educator

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Alexis Wiggins provides a step-by-step guide for the implementation of Spider Web Discussion, covering everything from introducing the technique to creating rubrics for discussion self-assessment to the nuts-and-bolts of charting the conversations and using the data collected for formative assessment. She also shares troubleshooting tips, ideas for assessment and group grading, and the experiences of real teachers and students who use the technique to develop and share content knowledge in a way that 's both revolutionary and truly inspiring.

Teach with Success: The Year and Beyond is a one-stop-shop for anyone entering the field of teaching, thinking about starting a career in the education field, as well as those teachers looking for some new and

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dynamic ways to spice-up their classroom. It is full of tips, ideas, suggestions, handouts, lesson plans, and so much more. It covers topics inside and outside of the classroom. Teach with Success: The First Year and Beyond is a comprehensive tool for educators to get through any situation. It offers practical suggestions and ideas for every classroom. This book is a one of a kind, no where else can so much valuable information be found in one place!

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