

STEP UP TO SUCCESS...

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Selected News & Sound Clips for the Day*

NEWS FOR THE DAY*

Schoolyard Bullies More Likely to Abuse Partners... U.S. scientists have found that boys who are bullies in the schoolyard are at increased risk of abusing their partner later in life. According to the study published in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, the link provides a potential avenue for curbing domestic violence, which affects about a fourth of American women. <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/43301908/ns/health-behavior/>

Analysis Finds Graduation Rates Moving Up... A new analysis of high school completion from the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center finds that the national graduation rate stands at 71.7 percent for the class of 2008, the most recent year for which data are available. The highest level of graduation for the nation's public high schools since the 1980s, this result also marks a significant turnaround following two consecutive years of declines and stagnation.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/09/34analysis.h30.html?tkn=XOOF35ZWNL5K5d89PzFWG9yUkRv3566CIO&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS1&intc=?intc=EW-DC11-ENL>

College for All' Campaign Getting A Second Look... After years of intense focus by American policy leaders and educators on college readiness, a growing chorus is calling for schools to better prepare students for futures that might not include four-year degrees. By pressing students onto a college path, some observers wonder, are we shortchanging students whose future plans might not include a baccalaureate degree? Can we create preparation options that truly open all doors for all students?

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/06/09/34overview.h30.html?tkn=LOYFyzkWrq1nGxeC0hdNKTHRdaQ%2BsOIFdUHb&cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2&intc=?intc=EW-DC11-ENL>

When Do Teachers Transform From Teacher to Teacher Leader?...The Teacher Leadership Exploratory Consortium recently released their The Teacher Leader Model Standards to "stimulate dialogue among stakeholders of the teaching profession about what constitutes the knowledge, skills, and competencies that teachers need to assume leadership roles in their schools, districts, and the profession."

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/leading_from_the_classroom/2011/06/when_do_teachers_transform_from_teacher_to_teacher_leader.html

Teaching Secrets: Asking the Right Questions... Research has demonstrated the value of effective questioning, but the stats are depressing: About 60 percent of all teachers' questions fall under the category of "recall," the kinds of questions that require students to regurgitate facts. So how can we break our patterns of asking recall-type questions?

<http://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2011/05/31/effectivequestioning.html?intc=mrs>

SOUND CLIPS FOR THE DAY

Obama on High School's Improvement: "It Can Happen Anywhere in America"

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7366245n>

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