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Qualities of Effective Teachers

Every teacher seeks to be an effective teacher. Every teacher wants to have a positive, remarkable, and lasting influence on students' lives. But what makes for an effective teacher? What role does teacher preparation play in teacher effectiveness? What do effective teachers do during planning, instruction, and assessment? How do they create a learning environment that engages and supports students? And how do effective teachers interact with their students to promote the best opportunities and results for all? In *Qualities of Effective Teachers*, 3rd edition, James H. Stronge explores these questions and more as he synthesizes the literature on teacher effectiveness. The result? A research-based framework for effective teaching that addresses: Professional knowledge Instructional planning Instructional delivery Assessment Learning environment Professionalism Stronge also examines characteristics of effective teachers of at-risk students and high-ability students. To bridge the gap between research and practice, he includes checklists of skills and positive qualities associated with effective teacher performance as well as red flags that indicate that teachers may not be reaching their full potential in the classroom. This resource is for any educator interested in improving teaching. It offers research-based advice for teachers who wish to improve their own performance, as well guidance for teacher leaders and supervisors, school administrators and department heads, staff development specialists, teacher and administrator educators, human resource specialists, and education policymakers and their staffs. Anyone who has a vested interest in students and their success can gain valuable insight and practical tools to ensure positive outcomes for all students. New to the 3rd edition: Introduction of the Framework for Effective Teaching and its six domains—professional knowledge; instructional planning; instructional delivery; assessment; learning environment; professionalism Chapter vignettes updated to illustrate the domains of the Framework for Effective Teaching Updated reference charts at the end of chapters, keyed to the subdomains of the Framework for Effective Teaching and expanded to include references for 21 century teachers Twenty-nine sidebars interspersed throughout chapters

that provide state-of-the-art supplementary text on effective teaching practices and research findings Updated Teacher Skills Assessment Checklist, keyed to the domains of the Framework for Effective Teaching Updated Part 2 presents positive qualities and red flags associated with effective teachers, keyed to the domains of the Framework for Effective Teaching More than 1,000 entries in the References

How to Create High-Quality Assessments (Qualities of Effective Teaching)

The Stronge and Associates team shares guiding principles for creating high-quality assessments, plus how to build an assessment blueprint and recommendations for writing test items.

Knowing What Students Know

Education is a hot topic. From the stage of presidential debates to tonight's dinner table, it is an issue that most Americans are deeply concerned about. While there are many strategies for improving the educational process, we need a way to find out what works and what doesn't work as well. Educational assessment seeks to determine just how well students are learning and is an integral part of our quest for improved education. The nation is pinning greater expectations on educational assessment than ever before. We look to these assessment tools when documenting whether students and institutions are truly meeting education goals. But we must stop and ask a crucial question: What kind of assessment is most effective? At a time when traditional testing is subject to increasing criticism, research suggests that new, exciting approaches to assessment may be on the horizon. Advances in the sciences of how people learn and how to measure such learning offer the hope of developing new kinds of assessments—assessments that help students succeed in school by making as clear as possible the nature of their accomplishments and the progress of their learning. Knowing What Students Know essentially explains how expanding knowledge in the scientific fields of human learning and educational measurement can form the foundations of an improved approach to assessment. These advances suggest ways that the targets of assessment—what students know and how well they know it—as well as the methods used to make inferences about student learning can be made more valid and instructionally useful. Principles for designing and using these new kinds of assessments are presented, and examples are used to illustrate the principles. Implications for policy, practice, and research are also explored. With the promise of a productive research-based approach to assessment of student learning, Knowing What Students Know will be important to education administrators, assessment designers, teachers and teacher educators, and education advocates.

Qualities of Effective Principals

This book shows principals how to successfully balance the needs and priorities of their schools while continuously developing and refining their leadership skills.

Smart from the Start

The ultimate new teacher's guide to surviving and thriving in the classroom, Smart from the Start is the springboard to help you establish and improve your practice in meaningful ways. Teachers have a wide range of responsibilities—not all of which can be addressed in teacher preparation programs—and for new and returning educators especially, it can be daunting to think about all that is required throughout the school year. This book provides more than 100 easy-to-incorporate tools spread across six major points of concern: * Beginning of the year: set up your classroom and establish rules and procedures. * Classroom management: establish a healthy learning environment. * Instructional planning: lead high-quality lessons and anticipate students' diverse needs. * Student engagement: motivate students and maintain their quality of learning. * Assessment: align assessment with curriculum and instruction and build rubrics and tests. * Teacher well-being: find the joy in teaching and take care of yourself. Your first few years of teaching don't have to be formidable or confusing. James H. Stronge, Jessica M. Straessle, and Xianxuan Xu have synthesized decades of research to identify and carefully consider the attributes of the job that especially relate to new teachers. With Smart from the Start, you can take your first steps into teaching with confidence and create a classroom environment that will benefit your students.

Visible Learning for Teachers

In November 2008, John Hattie's ground-breaking book Visible Learning synthesised the results of more than fifteen years research involving millions of students and represented the biggest ever

collection of evidence-based research into what actually works in schools to improve learning. Visible Learning for Teachers takes the next step and brings those ground breaking concepts to a completely new audience. Written for students, pre-service and in-service teachers, it explains how to apply the principles of Visible Learning to any classroom anywhere in the world. The author offers concise and user-friendly summaries of the most successful interventions and offers practical step-by-step guidance to the successful implementation of visible learning and visible teaching in the classroom. This book: links the biggest ever research project on teaching strategies to practical classroom implementation champions both teacher and student perspectives and contains step by step guidance including lesson preparation, interpreting learning and feedback during the lesson and post lesson follow up offers checklists, exercises, case studies and best practice scenarios to assist in raising achievement includes whole school checklists and advice for school leaders on facilitating visible learning in their institution now includes additional meta-analyses bringing the total cited within the research to over 900 comprehensively covers numerous areas of learning activity including pupil motivation, curriculum, meta-cognitive strategies, behaviour, teaching strategies, and classroom management Visible Learning for Teachers is a must read for any student or teacher who wants an evidence based answer to the question; 'how do we maximise achievement in our schools?'

Assessing Teacher Effectiveness

How can we really evaluate teacher effectiveness? Systems of teacher appraisal and evaluation are being created across the world in order to monitor and assess teacher performance. But do the models used really give a fair evaluation? Based on international research, the authors argue that teacher effectiveness is too narrowly conceptualised and methods of measuring it are not attuned to the real contexts in which teachers work. They propose a model of differential teacher effectiveness which takes into account that: * teachers may be more effective with some categories of students than with others * teachers may be more effective with some teaching contexts than others * teachers may be more effective with some subjects or components than with others. Building on and developing previous research on models of teacher effectiveness and current theories, the authors open up possible new debates which will be of interest to academics and researchers working in this area throughout the world.

Making Good Progress?

Making Good Progress? is a research-informed examination of formative assessment practices that analyses the impact Assessment for Learning has had in our classrooms. Making Good Progress? outlines practical recommendations and support that Primary and Secondary teachers can follow in order to achieve the most effective classroom-based approach to ongoing assessment. Written by Daisy Christodoulou, Head of Assessment at Ark Academy, Making Good Progress? offers clear, up-to-date advice to help develop and extend best practice for any teacher assessing pupils in the wake of life beyond levels.

Developing High Quality Observation, Assessment and Planning in the Early Years

What is meant by high quality observation in the early years? How do you devise effective next steps for young children that build on their interests? How do you ensure that you meet the needs of all the children in your care? Offering a fresh approach, this practical toolkit offers a complete guide to observation, planning and assessment in the early years. It clearly explains the principles of good practice in this area and provides training tools to help practitioners develop their knowledge and skills and embed these principles into their setting. The focus throughout is on helping practitioners to create their own systems for observation, planning and assessment that are appropriate for the children they work with. All the material in the book has been fully tried, tested and proven to work and the methods described can be tailored to meet the needs of individual practitioners. Featuring a wide range of case studies to illustrate how the principles work in practice, the book includes: Making effective observations and assessments Recognising the characteristics of effective learning Ways to engage parents in their children's learning How to identify next steps and learning priorities Dealing with barriers and maintaining quality over time With fully photocopiable resources throughout and including downloadable training sessions to accompany the book, this is an essential toolkit for all early years managers, leaders and those involved in setting support.

Formative Assessment Strategies for Every Classroom

This second edition gives you more than 60 tools--with tips and implementation steps--for creating and using formative assessments in every grade level and subject. --from publisher description

Design in Five

Fully engage learners in your classroom. Discover how to create high-quality assessments using a five-phase design protocol. Explore types and traits of quality assessment, and learn how to develop assessments that are innovative, effective, and engaging. Evaluate whether your current assessments meet the design criteria, and discover how to use this process collaboratively with your team.

Designing Teacher Evaluation Systems

WHAT IS EFFECTIVE TEACHING? It's not enough to say "I know it when I see it" – not when we're expecting so much more from students and teachers than in the past. To help teachers achieve greater success with their students we need new and better ways to identify and develop effective teaching. The Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) project represents a groundbreaking effort to find out what works in the classroom. With funding by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the MET project brought together leading academics, education groups, and 3,000 teachers to study teaching and learning from every angle. Its reports on student surveys, observations, and other measures have shaped policy and practice at multiple levels. This book shares the latest lessons from the MET project. With 15 original studies, some of the field's most preeminent experts tap the MET project's unprecedented collection of data to offer new insights on evaluation methods and the current state of teaching in our schools. As feedback and evaluation methods evolve rapidly across the country, *Designing Teacher Evaluation Systems* is a must read and timely resource for those working on this critical task. PRAISE FOR DESIGNING TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEMS "This book brings together an all-star team to provide true data-driven, policy-relevant guidance for improving teaching and learning. From student achievement to student perceptions, from teacher knowledge to teacher practices, the authors address key issues surrounding the elements of a comprehensive teacher evaluation and improvement system. Highly recommended for anyone seriously interested in reform." —PETE GOLDSCHMIDT, Assistant Secretary, New Mexico Public Education Department "This book is an invaluable resource for district and state leaders who are looking to develop growth and performance systems that capture the complexity of teaching and provide educators with the feedback needed to develop in their profession." —TOM BOASBERG, Superintendent, Denver Public Schools "A rare example of practical questions driving top quality research and a must read for anyone interested in improving the quality of teaching." —ROBERT C. GRANGER, Former President (Ret.), The William T. Grant Foundation "This will be the 'go to' source in years to come for those involved in rethinking how teachers will be evaluated and how evaluation can and should be used to increase teacher effectiveness. The superb panel of contributors to this book presents work that is incisive, informative, and accessible, providing a real service to the national efforts around teacher evaluation reform." —JOHN H. TYLER, Professor of Education, Brown University

Classroom Assessment

With a new focus on 21st century skills, *Classroom Assessment: Principles and Practice for Effective Standards-Based Instruction*, 6/e shows teachers how to create high-quality assessments of every kind. Taking a non-technical approach, it looks at the role of assessment in teaching and how it can influence teaching decisions. Exploring formative, summative, performance-based and non-cognitive assessment, it pinpoints how to establish credible learning targets and select assessments that fairly measure those goals. Suggestions for effective practice accompany each assessment technique. Examples, case studies, and teacher interviews illustrate assessment techniques in action. From Reviews of the Book "The text goes into more depth about targets/standards, formative assessment and special education assessment than my current text. . . . I think the chapters about writing actual test items are exceptional. The examples, the content, and the explanations are all clear and practical." --Kristen Bjork, University of Nevada - Las Vegas "In selection of this text when I was initially choosing, I liked the in-depth coverage of performance assessments and rubrics, I also liked the level of the language . . . this book was informative but an easy read." --Patricia A. Lutz, Kutztown University

Designing Assessment for Quality Learning

This book brings together internationally recognised scholars with an interest in how to use the power of assessment to improve student learning and to engage with accountability priorities at both national and

global levels. It includes distinguished writers who have worked together for some two decades to shift the assessment paradigm from a dominant focus on assessment as measurement towards assessment as central to efforts to improve learning. These writers have worked with the teaching profession and, in so doing, have researched and generated key insights into different ways of understanding assessment and its relationship to learning. The volume contributes to the theorising of assessment in contexts characterised by heightened accountability requirements and constant change. The book's structure and content reflect already significant and growing international interest in assessment as contextualised practice, as well as theories of learning and teaching that underpin and drive particular assessment approaches. Learning theories and practices, assessment literacies, teachers' responsibilities in assessment, the role of leadership, and assessment futures are the organisers within the book's structure and content. The contributors to this book have in common the view that quality assessment, and quality learning and teaching are integrally related. Another shared view is that the alignment of assessment with curriculum, teaching and learning is linchpin to efforts to improve both learning opportunities and outcomes for all. Essentially, the book presents new perspectives on the enabling power of assessment. In so doing, the writers recognise that validity and reliability - the traditional canons of assessment - remain foundational and therefore necessary. However, they are not of themselves sufficient for quality education. The book argues that assessment needs to be radically reconsidered in the context of unprecedented societal change. Increasingly, communities are segregating more by wealth, with clear signs of social, political, economic and environmental instability. These changes raise important issues relating to ethics and equity, taken to be core dimensions in enabling the power of assessment to contribute to quality learning for all. This book offers readers new knowledge about how assessment can be used to re/engage learners across all phases of education.

Evaluating What Good Teachers Do

This book is based on author James H. Stronge's 20-plus years of consulting with school districts and other educational organizations in designing, piloting, and training educators in the use of teacher-performance evaluation systems. Its primary purpose is to help both teachers and their evaluators collect more comprehensive and accurate assessment data for judging teacher effectiveness. The author provides field-tested teacher-evaluation systems based on performance standards which include data collection tools and performance appraisal rubrics.

Inside the black box

Offers practical advice on using and improving assessment for learning in the classroom.

Classroom Assessment and the National Science Education Standards

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 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.

Classroom Assessment for Student Learning

[Click here to take a guided tour of the Second Edition!](#) Classroom Assessment for Student Learning, 2/e is a combination textbook and workbook grounded in research shown to increase student motivation and learning through improved classroom assessment. This user-friendly, practical book is full of real-world examples of what assessment for learning looks like in today's classrooms. Presented in a format appropriate for use by individuals or collaborative learning teams, the book teaches two central concepts: How to create accurate classroom assessments of all types and how to integrate assessment with instruction day to day, with a focus on student involvement. The companion CD provides all necessary learning team resources: suggestions for forming and facilitating learning teams, suggestions for pacing the learning, and chapter-by-chapter forms and materials for completing the

activities. The Second Edition of Classroom Assessment for Student Learning focuses on the five keys to classroom assessment quality. The keys are: Key 1: Establish a clear assessment purpose to meet information needs of all intended users Key 2: Base instruction and assessment on clear learning targets Key 3: Design or select all assessments to meet standards of accuracy Key 4: Communicate summative and formative results effectively Key 5: Involve students in the assessment process and in using the results to further learning Additional Resources from ATI Visit <http://ati.pearson.com> to read more articles on assessment, download study guides, and more!

Formative Assessment Strategies for Enhanced Learning in Science, K-8

Ideal for preservice and inservice teachers, this user-friendly resource demonstrates how to use formative assessments to guide instruction and evaluate student learning in standards-based science.

Qualities of Effective Principals

What does it take to be a good school principal? No two principals work exactly the same way, but research shows that effective principals focus on a core set of factors critical to fostering success among all students. In this second edition of *Qualities of Effective Principals*, James H. Stronge and Xianxuan Xu delineate these factors and show principals how to successfully balance the needs and priorities of their schools while continuously developing and refining their leadership skills. Throughout the book, the authors provide practical tools and extensive research that will help principals * Assess, exhibit, and harness instructional leadership to meet a school's goals. * Foster and sustain an effective school climate for learning. * Select, support, and retain high-quality teachers and staff. * Manage school resources effectively and efficiently. * Create, maintain, and strengthen internal and external community relationships. * Define their role in student achievement. This book also includes practical skills checklists, along with quality indicators and red flags for effective leadership. *Qualities of Effective Principals*, 2nd Edition, is an excellent resource for both experienced and new principals committed to developing and leading strong schools that help all students succeed.

Planning, Instruction, and Assessment

This entry in the James H. Stronge Research-to-Practice Series focuses on specific strategies teachers can use to improve the quality of their instruction. Studies have shown teacher quality to be the top indicator of student achievement, with the effects of good teachers apparent even as students move on to successive grades. In this book, Grant, Hindman, and Stronge explore the relationship between teacher effectiveness and student learning. They provide a bridge between research-based theories and practical classroom applications. Templates, planning forms, and other reproducibles help teachers make a noticeable impact on student success using proven techniques and practices. Topics include tiered lessons, using assessment data, and much more.

Enhancing Teaching and Learning through Assessment

Assessment is the daily life of a teacher; designing plans, setting questions, giving feedback and grading are all activities that teachers undertake on a regular basis. This book provides a practical guide on the effective use of assessment. It includes the use of assessment tools and pedagogical design that help students deepen their learning. Major issues on assessment and some excellent examples are presented as a useful resource to university teachers in enhancing teaching and students' learning.

Teacher-Made Assessments

Assessment is not only a measure of student learning, but a means to student learning. This bestselling book guides you in constructing and using your own classroom assessments, including tests, quizzes, essays, and rubrics to improve student achievement. You will learn how to weave together curriculum, instruction, and learning to make assessment a more natural, useful part of teaching. Find out how to... ensure your assessments are fair, reliable, and valid; construct assessments that meet the level of cognitive demand expected of students; create select-response items and understand technology-enhanced items that are increasingly being used on assessments; use constructed-response items and develop scoring criteria such as rubrics; and analyze student results on assessments and use feedback more effectively. This second edition features updated examples that reflect the Common Core State Standards as well as other content standards and new, useful samples of teacher-friendly techniques

for strengthening classroom assessment practices. No matter what grade level or subject area you teach, this practical book will become your go-to resource for designing effective assessments.

The Perfect Assessment System

It's time to move our assessment practices from the 1950s to the century we're living in. It's time to invest in our teachers and local school leaders instead of in more tests. It's time to help all students understand how to unleash their strengths and gain a sense of themselves as learners capable of choosing their own paths to success. In *The Perfect Assessment System*, Rick Stiggins calls for the ground-up redevelopment of assessment in U.S. education. Speaking from more than 40 years of experience in the field—and speaking for all learners who hope to succeed, the teachers who want them to succeed, and the local school leaders whose aspirations for success have been thwarted by assessment traditions—Stiggins maps out the adjustments in practice and culture necessary to generate both accurate accountability data and the specific evidence of individual mastery that will support sound instructional decision making and better learning in the classroom. He addresses Assessment purpose—how (and why) to clarify the reason for every assessment and the users it will serve. Learning targets to be assessed—how to make sure we focus on the right competencies and set consistent definitions of success. Assessment quality—how to ensure every assessment, at every level, is an excellent one. Communication of assessment results—how to share information in ways that best support diverse purposes. Assessment impact—how to link assessment to truly productive, universal student motivation. We have not yet begun to explore assessment's true potential to enhance both school quality and student well-being. Stiggins kicks off this critical conversation and charts a course for a new system that promises much higher levels of student success at a fraction of our current testing costs. The door is open for assessment reform; here is a bold plan for getting it right.

Best Practices in Social Studies Assessment

The importance of social studies assessment is beyond question. The National Council of the Social Studies' C3 Framework recognizes the importance of high-quality assessments—its major objective, a “deep understanding of the sociocultural world,” has as its underpinning the idea that students must be able to investigate the world, and that teachers much be able to assess their understanding of it. However, there is a comparative dearth of research that focuses on effective social studies assessment, particularly with regard to the impact of teacher practice on the development of best practices. Such research is vital to moving social studies away from an emphasis on testing and more towards using assessment as a means of educating our students. In *Best Practices of Social Studies Assessment*, we focus on an essential question: what is an “effective” assessment? Helping teachers develop practical, creative, curriculum-appropriate strategies is essential, especially in an era in which teachers are faced with the dilemma of creating inquiry-based assessments in the midst of preexisting regimes of standardized summative assessments. In this volume, research conducted between university professors and working teachers is described, focusing on innovative assessment practices. These practices include role-playing activities depicting historical events; Socratic seminars revolving around public policy issues; collaborative student projects on a wide range of social inquiries, including the implementation of UN programs; and the promotion of critical thinking and writing skills, on subjects as diverse as school violence and the impact of imperialism. These adaptive assessments highlight the essential role of the teacher in creating assessments that blend higher-order critical thinking, complex content knowledge, and an understanding of their own students. The strategies described in this volume focus on the ability of expert educators to “[acknowledge] the structures, power, and consequences of high-stakes testing regimes while simultaneously designing and sustaining classroom assessment methods that embody the social-participatory nature of learning and reflect research on effective practice” (p. 289). The volume also describes the shared characteristics of the teachers who created these assessments, especially their emphasis on self-reflection and student autonomy, as well as their professional willingness to take on challenges associated with performance-based assessments, even in the face of institutional pressures and external demands.

EBOOK: Developing Effective Assessment in Higher Education: A Practical Guide

"As an overview, *Developing Effective Assessment in Higher Education* makes a very useful contribution to assessment literature, providing a publication that is relevant and accessible to practitioners whilst giving rigorous exploration of issues associated with student assessment. It should find a readership on that basis and will be welcomed as a considered and insightful contribution to the

literature on student assessment." Higher Education Review What are the main issues when considering the design and management of effective assessment strategies for academic programmes? How should lecturers design and use assessment in university so that it helps students to learn, as well as judging their achievement? How can students be prepared for assessment, including peer, self and group assessment? This book provides comprehensive practical guidance on managing and improving assessment within higher education. It tackles all stages in the assessment cycle including: Assessment design Preparing students for assessment Marking and moderation Providing feedback Quality assurance It also provides a concise introduction to the research literature on assessment which will inform practice, debate, programme enhancement and practitioner research within university departments, teaching teams and courses for higher education teachers. The practical guidance in the book is substantiated with reference to relevant research and policy. In particular, it considers how the different purposes of assessment create conflicting demands for staff; often characterised by the tension between attempting to support student learning whilst meeting imperatives for quality assurance and demonstrable maintenance of standards. Issues are debated using concrete examples and workable solutions are illustrated. Consideration is also given to the management of assessment as well as to how new technologies might be used to develop assessment methods and enhance student learning. Developing Effective Assessment in Higher Education is key reading for both new and experienced lecturers, programme leaders and academic developers, and will enhance their efforts to use assessment to improve students' learning as well as to grade them fairly, reliably and efficiently.

Getting Teacher Evaluation Right

Teacher evaluation systems are being overhauled by states and districts across the United States. And, while intentions are admirable, the result for many new systems is that good often excellent teachers are lost in the process. In the end, students are the losers. In her new book, Linda Darling-Hammond makes a compelling case for a research-based approach to teacher evaluation that supports collaborative models of teacher planning and learning. She outlines the most current research informing evaluation of teaching practice that incorporates evidence of what teachers do and what their students learn. In addition, she examines the harmful consequences of using any single student test as a basis for evaluating individual teachers. Finally, Darling-Hammond offers a vision of teacher evaluation as part of a teaching and learning system that supports continuous improvement, both for individual teachers and for the profession as a whole.

Creating Effective Teaching and Learning Environments: First Results from TALIS

This survey aims to help countries review and develop policies to make the teaching profession more attractive and more effective.

Making Formative Assessment Work

"Hall and Burke acknowledge that formative assessment is hard work. But they make clear that the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages... They neatly divide it into bite-sized chapters, with each building neatly on the one before - [this book] is easily accessible to the reader." BJET This book explains and exemplifies formative assessment in practice. Drawing on incidents and case studies from primary classrooms, it describes and analyses how teachers use formative assessment to promote learning. It argues the case for formative assessment with reference to sociocultural perspectives on learning and it examines this in the context of current assessment policy. Themes addressed in the various chapters include feedback, the power and roles of learners and teachers in formative assessment; self and peer assessment; and sharing success criteria with learners. Individual chapters explore formative assessment in: literacy, numeracy, art, science, and history. In addition there are two chapters on formative assessment in the early years. Making Formative Assessment Work provides teachers, student teachers, teacher educators and researchers with a sophisticated grasp of issues in formative assessment and how they relate to the improvement of pupil learning.

Supporting Students through High-Quality Teaching

This book provides a Finnish perspective on high-quality teaching in higher education and explores Finnish approaches on teaching, learning and supporting students. It addresses the concepts of quality in teaching, teaching excellence and effective teaching in today's higher education in which the student body has become increasingly international and heterogeneous. The book discusses how the role of the teacher has changed from authority to facilitator in the past decades while many students still value

their university experience based on the teachers they encounter. The book provides a practitioner view on how students can be supported through communication, compassion and expertise and how professional and pedagogical development are essential for high-quality teaching in an increasingly competitive, diverse and online world of higher education. The book introduces the principles of Finnish higher education and universities, and the Finnish education system in connection with the approach to teaching, teacher education and the highly valued profession of a teacher. What is good teaching in higher education? It can consist of the learning environment, the location, the students and the teacher, and many studies show that effective, compassionate, skilled and humanist teachers will leave their mark on students. It is also equally important for teachers to invest in pedagogical training and conduct research on teaching practices, experiments and students' perceptions as part of professional development. International classrooms also require specific considerations, as does online learning. The COVID-19 pandemic forced a substantial transfer to online and blended learning in higher education, but can quality teaching exist online, or have we passed the baton to students to be in charge of their learning, to study even more independently?

Enhancing Learning through Formative Assessment and Feedback

This book is based on the argument that detailed and developmental formative feedback is the single most useful thing teachers can do for students. It helps to clarify the expectations of higher education and assist all students to achieve their potential. This book promotes student learning through formative assessment and feedback, which: enables self-assessment and reflection in learning encourages teacher-student dialogue helps clarify what is good performance provides students with quality information to help improve their learning encourages motivation and self-confidence in students aids the teacher in shaping teaching Underpinned by the relevant theory, the practical advice and examples in this book directly address the issues of how to motivate students to engage in formative assessment effectively and shows teachers how they can provide further useful formative feedback.

Classroom Assessment

This book provides prospective and current teachers with a concise, non-technical and practical guide to conducting a full range of high-quality classroom assessments. The text emphasizes assessment in the context of the realities of teaching and teacher decision-making, as well as on how assessment is integrated with instruction. Assessment methods are integrated with instruction and presented according to when teachers evaluate students (before, during, and after an instructional unit) and the learning targets that are measured. There is considerable emphasis on the nature of learning targets and how different assessments are most appropriate for different targets. For each assessment technique, suggestions for effective practice are presented with examples and case studies. There are separate chapters on contemporary assessment techniques and issues, such as performance and portfolio assessments, as well as separate chapters on assessing affective targets and students with disabilities included in the regular classroom. A balance is provided with traditional forms of assessment and the need for teachers to administer, interpret, and use results from standards-based large scale assessments and other standardized tests.

Teaching For Quality Learning At University

A bestselling book for higher education teachers and administrators interested in assuring effective teaching.

The Supportive Learning Environment

This entry in the James H. Stronge Research-to-Practice Series focuses on the characteristics of teachers who create supportive learning environments for their students. By conveying a sense of immediacy, credibility, and caring, they communicate to students in both verbal and nonverbal ways that are essential to cultivating a positive and productive learning community. In this book, Stronge, Grant, and Hindman provide a comprehensive overview of the qualities of a supportive teacher. They offer a bridge between research-based theories and practical classroom applications, with templates, planning forms, and other reproducibles. The authors help teachers move toward establishing a learning environment that contributes to effective instructional practices. Topics include: engaging students and their families, effective communication, student ownership of the learning environment, and much more.

Student-centered Classroom Assessment

The book elucidates the fundamental importance of high-quality assessment to student academic well-being and promotes the development of student self-assessment as a critically important life skill. Provides a clear, common sense description of all assessment methods (selected response, essay, performance, and personal communication) and how to align them with relevant achievement targets (knowledge, reasoning, skills, products, and dispositions). Easy-to-read and free of technical jargon, this book focuses squarely on what teachers need to know in order to make assessment work in classrooms.

An Introduction to Student-involved Assessment for Learning

Written for pre-service teacher candidates who have little or no classroom experience, Rick Stiggins' multiple award-winning and market-leading text focuses squarely on preparing new teachers to assess students in classrooms, providing them with their initial orientation to classroom assessment and to the challenges they will face in monitoring student learning, in using the assessment process, and its results to benefit their students. The text clearly instructs teaching candidates on how to gather dependable evidence of student learning using quality assessments and how to use those assessments to support and to certify student learning. The book has an exceptionally strong focus on integrating assessment with instruction through student involvement in the assessment process; it is clearly the most non-technical and hands on practical orientation to assessment validity and reliability yet developed. It offers five easy-to-understand keys to effective classroom assessment practice that any teacher can learn to apply. The presentation covers the full range of classroom assessment methods, when and how to use them and how to communicate results in ways that support learning. Examples and models are offered across grade levels and schools subjects to assist candidates in learning these things. The treatment of student-involved assessment, record keeping, and communication as an instructional intervention is a unique entity of the text. Specific assessment strategies are offered throughout for helping students see the learning target from the beginning and then watch themselves move progressively close over time until they achieve ultimate learning success. Showing how to use assessment to accurately reflect student achievement and how to benefit-not merely grade-student learning, the text examines the full spectrum of assessment topics, from articulating targets, through developing quality assessments and communicating results effectively.

EBOOK: Developing Teacher Assessment

"The authors are well-known in the Assessment field and this work presents their highly original analysis... [It] promotes a professional learning approach that will undoubtedly help educationalists in schools and across the schools sector in their quest to improve learning." Professor Mary James, University of Cambridge, UK. This book explores the processes involved in developing assessment practice. It argues that the role of teacher assessment needs to be put firmly at the forefront of the educational agenda and that assessment by teachers needs to be developed in a widespread, high quality and sustainable fashion. The authors, all members of the influential Assessment Reform Group, argue that the target-driven approach of external testing leads to problems, including 'teaching to the test' to the detriment of the wider curriculum, and motivational problems. In this book, they tackle the differences between formative and summative assessment and ask the question: "What is quality teacher assessment?" There is coverage of key professional learning dimensions including: The purposes of assessment The need for evidence to support innovation The process and steps to develop new practice Perceptions of what counts as quality assessment in schools The authors draw on these various perspectives to explain how teachers and schools can build on existing practice, and develop new practices, and how the system should react to support them. This book is essential reading for teachers, head teachers, local authority professionals, policy makers and academics.

Outstanding Formative Assessment: Culture and Practice

Best-selling author Shirley Clarke provides a wealth of high quality ideas, practical strategies, classroom examples and whole-school case studies for teachers in primary and secondary schools. The most comprehensive of Shirley Clarke's titles includes extensive examples and realia, in full colour. The book is clearly structured around the ways in which teachers actually teach, with QR coded web video clips to illustrate key points in action. - Helps teachers create an environment for pupils to be active learners, constant reviewers and self-assessors - Ensures teachers start and finish lessons effectively by initially establishing their prior knowledge and capturing their interest and finally encouraging pupil reflection to find out what has been learnt and what still needs to be developed - Develops learning

by helping children articulate their understanding and focusing on constant review and improvement
- Focuses on whole-school development including lesson study, assessment policies and stories from outstanding schools Chapters include: 1. Laying the foundations 2. Effective starts to lessons 3. Developing the learning 4. Effective ends to lessons 5. Whole school development

Classroom Assessment

With a new focus on 21st century skills, *Classroom Assessment: Principles and Practice for Effective Standards-Based Instruction*, 6/e shows teachers how to create high-quality assessments of every kind. Taking a non-technical approach, it looks at the role of assessment in teaching and how it can influence teaching decisions. Exploring formative, summative, performance-based and non-cognitive assessment, it pinpoints how to establish credible learning targets and select assessments that fairly measure those goals. Suggestions for effective practice accompany each assessment technique. Examples, case studies, and teacher interviews illustrate assessment techniques in action. From *Reviews of the Book* The text goes into more depth about targets/standards, formative assessment and special education assessment than my current text...I think the chapters about writing actual test items are exceptional. The examples, the content, and the explanations are all clear and practical.--Kristen Bjork, University of Nevada - Las Vegas In selection of this text when I was initially choosing, I liked the in-depth coverage of performance assessments and rubrics, I also liked the level of the language ...this book was informative but an easy read. --Patricia A. Lutz, Kutztown University

Classroom Assessment and Grading That Work

In *Classroom Assessment and Grading That Work*, Robert J. Marzano provides an in-depth exploration of what he calls "one of the most powerful weapons in a teacher's arsenal." An effective standards-based, formative assessment program can help to dramatically enhance student achievement throughout the K-12 system, Marzano says. Drawing from his own and others' extensive research, the author provides comprehensive answers to questions such as these: * What are the characteristics of an effective assessment program? * How can educators use national and state standards documents as a basis for creating a comprehensive, topic-based assessment system? * What types of assessment items and tasks are best suited to measuring student progress in mastering information, mental procedures, and psychomotor procedures? * Why does the traditional point system used for scoring often lead to incorrect conclusions about a student's actual knowledge? * What types of scoring and final grading systems provide the most accurate portrayal of a student's progress along a continuum of learning? In addition to providing teachers with all the tools they need to create a better assessment system, *Classroom Assessment and Grading That Work* makes a compelling case for the potential of such a system to transform the culture of schools and districts, and to propel K-12 education to new levels of effectiveness and efficiency.