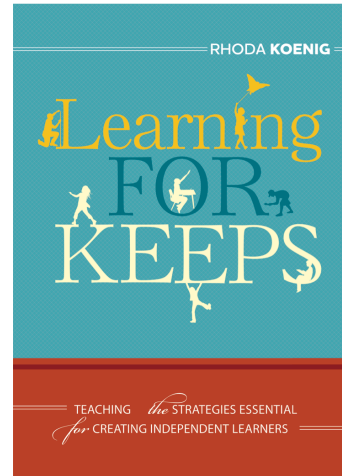


Learning for Keeps: Teaching the Strategies Essential for Creating Independent Learners

Author(s): Rhoda Koenig

Date Available: 13 February 2013
ISBN: 978 1 74239 214 1
Code: 111003
RRP: \$27.95
Format: A4, 206 pages
Age Group: Professional Development
Learning Area: Cross-curricular
Category: Leadership, Curriculum



Summary:

Learning for Keeps: Teaching the Strategies Essential for Creating Independent Learners combines explicit strategy lessons and coaching techniques that prepare teachers to “skate alongside” learners, give feedback, support them when they stumble and gradually let go. Through the use of explanations, reflective exercises, demonstrations and sample lessons, teachers will learn how to:

- Teach with a dual agenda of process (how) and product (what) in a workshop setting,
- Recast lessons to foster students’ metacognition and mental self-management,
- Analyse the steps taken when using key strategies with students,
- Craft model strategy lessons,
- Observe and assess students’ use of important strategies,
- Coach students and mediate as they learn procedural knowledge, and
- Gradually release control to the learner.

This research-based, scaffolded approach is embedded in the curriculum and aligns three elements that support students’ success: preparedness for mandated assessments; the use of meaningful problem-solving experiences, purposeful writing, and high quality fiction and non-fiction; and the promotion of high-order thinking, self-efficacy and self-direction.

Learning for Keeps demystifies the complex process involved in learning to read, write and think well, reminding readers that if we pay inadequate attention to these bedrock processes, we shortchange the next generation and put our future at risk.

Supporting Resources:

- *Improving Teaching with Collaborative Action Research: An ASCD Action Tool* (111006)
- *How to Create a Culture of Achievement in Your School and Classroom* (111014)

**Hawker Brownlow**
EDUCATION
PO Box 580
Moorabbin VIC 3189
Tel: +61 3 8558 2444
Fax: +61 3 8558 2400
Web: www.hbe.com.au
Email: orders@hbe.com.au