

You're the Principal! Now What? Strategies and Solutions for New School Leaders

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Summary

A principal's job is astonishingly complex, and its competing demands can be overwhelming, especially in the first few years. In this book, Jen Schwanke, a principal herself, provides a mentor's guidance to steer new principals through the period of adjustment and set the foundation for a long and rewarding career. The topics you wish your graduate program had covered are covered here – directly, practically and without the jargon.

Drawing on her own experience, Schwanke provides strategies for tackling the most common and most daunting challenges of the principalship, including

- establishing productive professional relationships
- building and maintaining a positive school culture
- resolving conflict among staff and parents
- providing effective instructional leadership
- supporting students' social-emotional needs
- conducting staff evaluations and delivering feedback
- keeping up with district, state and federal mandates
- managing the facility and the budget
- providing focused and budget-friendly professional development
- prioritising responsibilities
- learning from student and school-wide data
- planning for future growth and change
- working through behaviour and discipline issues
- hiring quality teachers and supporting new ones
- leading effective meetings
- maintaining balance.

The standalone chapters provide easy access to the solutions you need for the situations you face. Along with real-life scenarios and critical tips for success, you'll find helpful models of what to do, what to say and how to say it. This book is a source for ideas any time you encounter a problem and think, "Now what?" It's the beginning of an ongoing conversation about the wonderful work of being a principal.

Other Resources

- *Taking Charge: Leading with Passion and Purpose in the Principalship* (TCP1687)
- *Principal Evaluation: Standards, Rubrics, and Tools for Effective Performance* (113025)