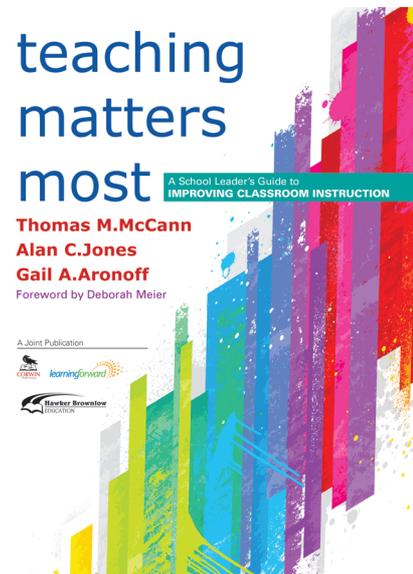


Teaching Matters Most

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Summary:

A laser-beam focus on improving instruction to improve learning

Saying “teaching matters most” is easy, and seems obvious. Making it the top priority for school leaders and staff is not so easy - in fact, it's messy. If we want to change how students write, compute and think, then teachers must change how they teach. They must transform the old “assign-and-assess” model into engaging, compassionate, coherent and rigorous instruction. The authors show school leaders how to make this happen amidst myriad distractions, initiatives and interruptions.

Unlike other books that stop at evaluating teachers and instruction, this work demonstrates how to grow schools' instructional capacities with a three-step process that involves:

- Envisioning what good teaching looks like
- Measuring the quality of current instruction against this standard
- Working relentlessly to move the quality of instruction closer and closer to the ideal

The authors provide helpful guidance on issues such as hiring, induction, professional development, mentoring and teacher evaluation. Each chapter offers specific action steps toward building the blueprint for improvement. Also included are frameworks for completing instructional audits in schools, and probes, instruments and protocols for measuring and tracking the quality of instruction. Leaders will find excellent guidance for spearheading and sustaining a focused and aligned effort to improve the quality of teaching to impact all learners.

Related Resources:

- *What Works in Schools (102271)*
- *Understanding by Design, 2nd Edition (103055)*
- *Building Background Knowledge for Academic Achievement (104017)*
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