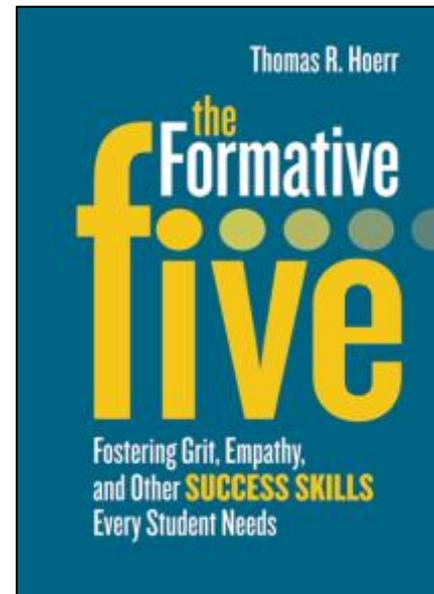


The Formative Five: Fostering Grit, Empathy, and Other Success Skills Every Student Needs

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Summary

For success in school and life, students need more than proficiency in academic subjects and good scores on tests; those goals should form the floor, not the ceiling, of their education. To truly thrive, students need to develop attributes that aren't typically measured on standardised tests. In this lively, engaging book by veteran school leader Thomas R. Hoerr, educators will learn how to foster the “Formative Five” success skills that today’s students need, including

- Empathy: learning to see the world through others’ perspectives
- Self-control: cultivating the abilities to focus and delay self-gratification
- Integrity: recognising right from wrong and practising ethical behaviour
- Embracing diversity recognising and appreciating human differences
- Grit: persevering in the face of challenge.

When educators engage students in understanding and developing these five skills, they change mindsets and raise expectations for student learning. As an added benefit, they see significant improvements in school and classroom culture. With specific suggestions and strategies, The Formative Five will help teachers, principals and anyone else who has a stake in education prepare their students – and themselves – for a future in which the only constant will be change.

Other Resources

- *Teaching Empathy: A Blueprint for Caring, Compassion and Community* (SOT2583)
- *Teaching Ethics: Care, Think and Choose – A Curriculum-Based Approach to Ethical Thinking* (HB2547)
- *Teaching 21st Century Skills: An ASCD Action Tool* (111021)
- *Education to Better Their World: Unleashing the Power of 21st-Century Kids* (TCP4810)