

Research – Resources – Report

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Mission: To gather and share current research and resources with educators.

Research And Resources

☞ **Middle Grades - The Middle Grades Are in Crisis**

In a new issue of *The Progress of Education Reform* highlights key findings from recent research and publications on improving student success in the middle grades — and identifies actions states can take to translate these findings into sound policy.

This is an excellent document which quotes research and provides suggestions for improving success in the middle grades.

<http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/81/38/8138.pdf>

☞ **Investment in Early Education is Needed for American Business Success**

The education received in early childhood has repercussions through a person's life, writes Greg Jones, a member of the California State Board of Education and retired senior vice president of State Farm Mutual Insurance. In a column published in the Los Angeles Business Journal, Jones calls for policymakers to invest in early childhood education initiatives to help close the achievement gap, arguing that they are necessary for the country to have a successful economic future.

<http://www.labusinessjournal.com/print.asp?aid=26493769.4810497.1814982.2118002.5297416.482&alD2=139605>

☞ **Year-Round Calendars**

The Obama administration supports extending the school year and school day, and more U.S. schools are adopting year-round calendars. Too much time is spent getting students back into a studious frame of mind after a traditional summer vacation, says teacher Jennifer Fisher in an article published by ABC News. Year-round calendars are more in line with the rest of the world.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=8289808>



☞ **New ARRA Resources**

The USDE recently published several new guidance documents:

- ✓ ARRA Programs Page
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/programs.html>
- ✓ ARRA Use of Funds PowerPoint Presentation
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/titlei-idea-useoffunds.ppt>
- ✓ ARRA Title I Use of Funds Guidance
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/titlei-reform.pdf>
- ✓ ARRA IDEA, Part B Use of Funds Guidance
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-b-reform.pdf>
- ✓ ARRA IDEA, Part C Use of Funds Guidance
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-c-reform.pdf>
- ✓ RTI Guidance
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/rti.html>

☞ **Response to Intervention in Math Seen as Challenging**

Applying the RTI approach to the subject of math may be challenging, but most suggest that doing so was worth the effort.

A practice guide, produced by an expert panel convened by the U.S. Department of Education's *What Works Clearinghouse*, offers eight recommendations for providing remediation in math through the RTI process to students in elementary and middle school.

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2009/06/17/35rti.h28.html?tkn=TRLFLQFV0ppzfgEXjwiCrFqPy/F7zcXvmPLf>