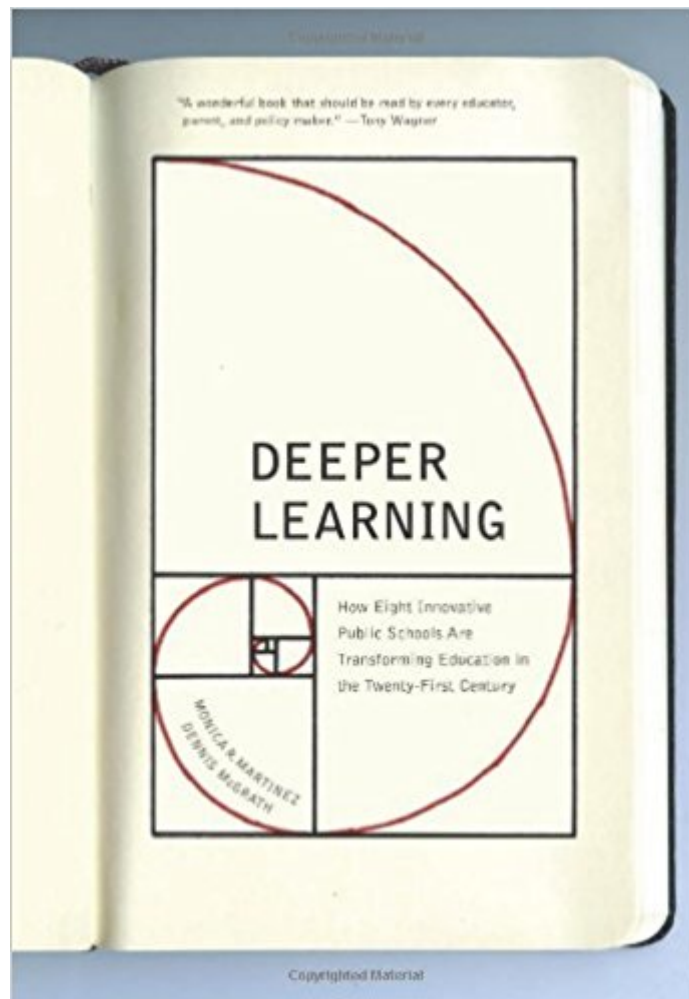


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# Deeper Learning: How Eight Innovative Public Schools Are Transforming Education In The Twenty-First Century



## Synopsis

While education reformers and policy makers grapple with big fixes and the politics of national initiatives, most teachers and parents share the simple and urgent desire for studentsâespecially those from low-income communitiesâto be on the road to college and ultimately to develop into people who will be equipped to thrive in the unpredictable future ahead of them. Nevertheless, the great majority of American schools do not respond to this urgent need. And just what this sort of education looks like, day to day, remains elusive. In *Deeper Learning*, education strategist Monica R. Martinez and sociologist Dennis McGrath take us inside eight schools that have set out to transform the experience of learning. In these schools, we meet teachers and students who show us just what "Deeper Learning" looks like. The examples from these pagesâfrom high school kids developing energy-saving solutions alongside engineers to young people discovering the complexities of sustainability on an oral history expedition to Appalachiaâoffer an inspiring and expanded vision of whatâs possible in schools today. An accessibly written showcase of schools and practices designed to empower educators and students alike, here is a book for all who are concerned with the dual need for American schools to be genuinely innovative and to embrace what works. *Deeper Learning* demonstrates how students in their teen years can become passionate learners and global citizens ready to take on a world increasingly defined by new technologies, economic shifts, and profound social challenges.

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Perhaps one of the best books about education I have read this year. This book was exactly what I

needed. As an instructional coach and working in a building that is transforming the platform of teaching to project based learning, this book really helped to guide me with questions to ponder and ideas to process. From the book description you are able to see that the author spent time with eight different schools looking at the key ingredients to help students reach deep learning in their education journey. This is so vital because for so long we have taught education as survey courses. We pack so much into so little that we barely scratch the surface in learning. What we are seeing with many schools today is a shift with perhaps less content, but taking time to really dig deep into ideas that will help them craft and develop the thinking skills needed to survive once they leave the confines of the education system. While I read this book I shared my notes online and when it was all over I had over five pages of typed notes. There are so many great examples of teaching and learning. There are fundamental questions that make you pause and reflect on the answers to your own classroom and school. We are going to be using this book as our first book club book for our staff. It is an easy read that does not require deep concentration. It is not cutesy fluff book that so often hits the high ranks of education books. Even more important it does not bash the education system that is so often the case. Instead it is a breath of fresh air into the amazing things schools and teachers are doing with students. It gives promise to the future. More importantly, it leaves you ready to push your comfort zones to move in the direction of deeper learning. If you are involved in education, then this is a book that is worth your time to read. You will not be disappointed. \*\*If you are interested in purchasing this book please use the link above. Any money from Affiliate links goes towards funding either school supplies for schools in need or to our school goal of raising enough money to build a school in areas of the world lacking education for students. You can learn more here <http://coffeeforthebrain.com/build-a-school/> \*\*

I appreciate the straightforward and clear way that the ideas and imperative to transform education in the US is presented. The focus on the essential elements of high expectations and establishing strong relationships that support students is spot on. This book acknowledges the essential elements for effective change without falling victim to the quest for a "silver bullet" or program-based fix for the complex system that is K-12 education.

Deeper Learning is an engaging read that provides real-world examples of how schools can effectively support meaningful teaching and learning. First off, the authors explain "deeper learning" as a concept, argue its merits, and connect it to strategies you might already be familiar with as a teacher, principal, coach, parent, student, or community member in a way that is constructive and

helpful. Then, profiling eight schools with different strengths and challenges and in different contexts (and resources) makes it clear how deeper learning could work in a whole range of schools and classrooms. The students' stories make it all come to life and ground the theory.

A very interesting book about how some schools across America are succeeding at making public education more relevant to the modern world. My son attends Casco Bay High School (one of the eight schools). I can testify that what they are doing at Casco Bay works. The results of his Junior Journey (described in the book) were stunning.

There are a lot of us who believe that a better public education system is possible. But since we've all grown up with the same approach to learning, it's hard to understand what a better system would look like. Deeper Learning provides one of the most articulate, exciting and compelling visions for schools, after completely rethinking what is possible in the field of education. But rather than talking in vague ideas or over-ambitious visions, the book gives specific example, after specific example of schools that have figured out how to rejig the system and create a radical new experience for students. The kids in these schools don't just learn facts, they figure out how to identify and achieve their dreams. Something most of us, as adults, have not figured out how to do! It's a very quick read, and relevant to parents, policy makers, educators and pretty much anyone interested in the topic of education.

All Educators, parents and people wishing a better education should read this book and question why not all the schools are like those studied in this book.

Excellent resource for improving teaching and learning!

Great overview of Deeper Learning.

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