

Reading List – Starting out in school leadership

The transition to any new position can be challenging. This reading list will be of particular interest to those stepping into the role of principal for the first time. It includes general advice, practical guidance for responding to new challenges and strategies used by successful school leaders.

We have to talk: a step-by-step checklist for difficult conversations

Ringer, J

Strategies and structure for new principals to plan and execute difficult conversations.

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Nine principals share their successful strategies for school leadership

Cummins, H J

Elementary school principals from challenging schools put the five practices for effective principals into action.

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School leadership in action: principal practices

Watch these principals use the five practices of effective school leadership to improve teaching and learning in their classrooms.

[Watch](#)

The big rocks: priority management for principals

Marshall, K

A former principal sets a challenge: work out which two or three priorities are the highest in your school, create measurable goals, and pursue them with determination.

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Working productively with difficult and resistant staff

John F. Eller; Sheila A. Eller

Strategies for working with difficult and resistant staff members.

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New Leaders for New Schools: Taking Up the Challenge of Urban Schools

Fenton, B

Practices, structures, and attitudes that are helping a number of challenging urban schools foster higher student achievement.

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A vision has to be a living thing

A school vision allows leaders to keep an eye on the big picture and ensure that each day is progress towards achieving that vision.

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Leadership Scenarios

AITSL

Videos, guidebooks and related resources to understand and tackle four common challenges encountered by new principals.

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There are lows, of course, but you've got to try headship to know how good it can be

Barton, G

Head teacher Geoff Barton explores the ups and downs of leadership and encourages others to take on the challenge.

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