

# Tips For Fixing The Nation's Education System

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**Public schools throughout the nation continue to contend with budget shortfalls and insufficient classroom resources, while U.S. test scores remain far behind those of many other developed nations. Here are measures that can be taken to fix America's troubled education system:**

1. Discourage teacher turnover by downplaying the importance of having money and respect
2. Limit school shootings to once a year in order to give students more time to focus on schoolwork
3. Allow students from disadvantaged areas to be bussed into stronger schools, such as those in Finland or South Korea
4. Maybe get some underprepared, overconfident recent college graduates in there to figure things out
5. Federal law that prevents Dylan from raising his hand and wasting everybody's time with the wrong answer
6. Get rid of fungi unit
7. Begin offering tenure to children who have been in the public school system for more than three years
8. Offset the failures of the education system by de-emphasizing the importance of success, self-worth, and intellectual ability in our culture at large
9. Tattoo grades on foreheads to shame low performers
10. Toss Northrop Grumman another \$4.5 billion and see what kind of curriculum it pumps out
11. Whatever you do, don't change anything about a property-tax-based funding system in which rich schools get richer while poor schools get poorer. That's working just fine.
12. Cut losses and reallocate funding to nation's prison system

**DIRECTIONS:** Pick one of these proposed solutions, and write a paragraph which ironically supports the idea with a (fake) logical argument. The trick is to make it sound like a good idea!

