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New Report Explores Why Adolescents Seek to Change the World and How Educators and Adults Can Support Them

Changes in their brains, combined with a greater awareness of peers and events around them, make adolescence a key time for students to figure out who they are, what they aspire to be, and what they want to do in the world, according to a new report from the Alliance for Excellent Education (All4Ed). The report, *Science of Adolescent Learning: How Identity and Empowerment Influence Student Learning*, explores the research explaining these changes and offers ways that educators and policymakers can support students during this critical time.

[Read the Report](#)

[Click to Tweet](#): Adolescents are exploring meaning and purpose as they develop their sense of identity. Find out why this matters for learning in this new #ScienceofLearning report from @All4Ed: bit.ly/2MmwJjx #learningsciences



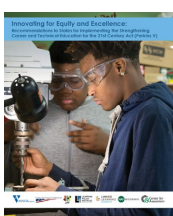
The Challenges and Privileges of Being a First-Generation College Student

This post was written by All4Ed intern Jenna Douglas.

As a first-generation college student who transferred from a local community college, graduating from Georgetown University is my life's biggest accomplishment to date. Yet as I reflect on my educational journey, my heart is filled with dismay as much as it is with pride.

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What States Should Put in their Career and Technical Education Plans

The new federal career and technical education (CTE) law, Perkins V, provides states and local communities with the opportunity to be creative in ensuring that all young people—particularly those from historically underserved groups—are considered in the implementation of the new law. Here's how states can focus on equity and quality as they develop

their four-year Perkins V state plans.

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[Click to Tweet:](#) How can states improve college and career readiness through high-quality #CTE? Check out these recommendations from @All4Ed @edprogress @jfftweets @LPI_Learning @linked_learning @NAFCareerAcads @NCIEA1. Download: bit.ly/2MeKAIF



School and District Leaders! Sign on to Support Wi-Fi in Schools

All4Ed invites school and district leaders to demonstrate support for funding to support Wi-Fi in schools by adding their name to a letter opposing the suggested actions of Federal Communications Commission to cap spending on critical funds and programs that promote digital equity. The deadline for signatures is 5:00 p.m. (ET), Thursday, August 22, 2019.

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[Click to Tweet:](#) Calling all school and district leaders! Show your support for #WiFi in schools by signing on to this @All4Ed letter to the @FCC. Add your name: futureready.org/wifi



Ideas for Enhancing School Safety Against Targeted Violence

"School safety is about more than preventing shootings. It also encompasses issues such as student voice, educational support personnel, school discipline practices, positive social and emotional learning, and student privacy," wrote All4Ed President and CEO Deb Delisle in a letter to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. Delisle's letter offered several ideas for the committee to consider as it held a hearing on enhancing school safety against targeted violence.

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How Can Schools Support Adolescent Students?

Think back to your middle school experience. Do the words "awkward," "angsty," and "misunderstood," come to mind? It's no wonder that adolescence is often considered a difficult and complicated age. But given that adolescents make up nearly one-fourth of the U.S. population, not understanding and serving the needs of young people in this stage of life is not an option.

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Deeper Learning Digest: Professional Learning Strategies for Deeper Learning

When teachers work collaboratively to identify specific student skill gaps, they can improve learning for all students more quickly.

This digest highlights a professional learning strategy that encourages teachers to intentionally uncover student learning gaps, steps to help students share their learning in public, a whole school approach to professional learning, and a new podcast on preparing teachers for deeper learning.

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Coming Soon

Back to School with Future Ready Librarians[®]! Tips and Tricks from Experts

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 28, 2019
5:00–6:00 P.M.
(EDT)

As we prepare for a brand-new school year, let's get together for a fun, informative, and engaging hour with a few experts to talk about going back to school as Future Ready Librarians[®]! In this webinar, panelists will share some amazing tips and tricks that will help librarians, district leaders, and other educators prepare for the best school year yet.

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How Lessons from Brain Science Can Support District- and School-Level Transformation

THURSDAY
SEPT 19, 2019
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
(EDT)

Wondering how you can make your middle and high schools a place students enjoy attending? How educators can create conditions so aligned with the developmental stages of adolescence that they enable greater learning? This webinar will describe profound changes in student engagement and engagement at ABC Unified School District resulting from the district's efforts to align its strategic vision with research on how students learn and develop.

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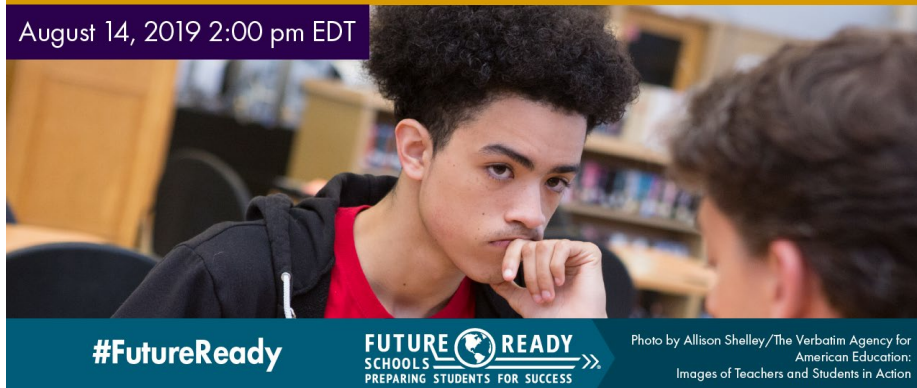
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In Case You Missed It

Equity and Student-Centered Learning: Emphasizing Inclusion of Our Most Vulnerable Students

August 14, 2019 2:00 pm EDT



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Images of Teachers and Students in Action

Equity and Student-Centered Learning: Emphasizing Inclusion of Our Most Vulnerable Students

When implementing digital learning initiatives with equity in mind, how do educators ensure that policies and procedures from their plans—specifically around developing empowered learners—translate to practice? In this webinar, panelists describe the characteristics of student-centered learning, and the importance of applying an equity lens when planning and implementing digital learning.

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Federal Flash ⚡



How the Federal Government **COULD IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY**

This Federal Flash covers a flurry of activity around school safety, gun violence, and school discipline. It also spotlights two new bills in Congress to help students prepare for and complete college.

Watch the Federal Flash

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Watch Previous Episodes

All4Ed is Your Resource on K-12 Federal Education Laws

To keep you up to date on the latest happenings and implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), All4Ed has created a series of bite-sized materials – both print and video – that provide concise but comprehensive analyses of several key areas within ESSA and Perkins V.

[Access ESSA Materials](#)

[Access Perkins V Materials](#)

All4Ed in the News

Aligning Career-Technical Education Plans with ESSA

States can align their career and technical education (CTE) plans with ESSA, using their CTE plans as a school improvement tool. "Based on whatever your vision is for learning in your state, likely it's going to include preparing students for the workforce," said All4Ed's Monica Almond in *Education Week's* Politics K-12.

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Tom Murray ✓
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Yesterday I spent time w/a new teacher who has his very first day on Monday. He shared his excitement & was vulnerable about his nerves & fears.

As we kick off the new school year, we can't forget to check in with new teachers to encourage & support. We all know those feelings.


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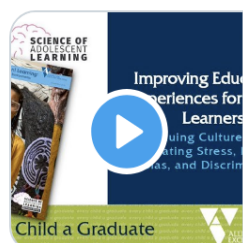


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🤔 What role can school leaders & educators play in combatting the effects of inequality, bias, & discrimination?

 [@All4Ed](#) shares lessons on creating supportive learning environments for all learners!
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Need some guidance on improving college and career readiness? How about suggestions on how to integrate rigorous academic and CTE course work? Look no further: bit.ly/2SSz8D4 via [@edprogress](#) [@all4ed](#) [@jfftweets](#) [@LPI_Learning](#) [@linked_learning](#) [@NAFCareerAcads](#) and [@NCIEA1](#)

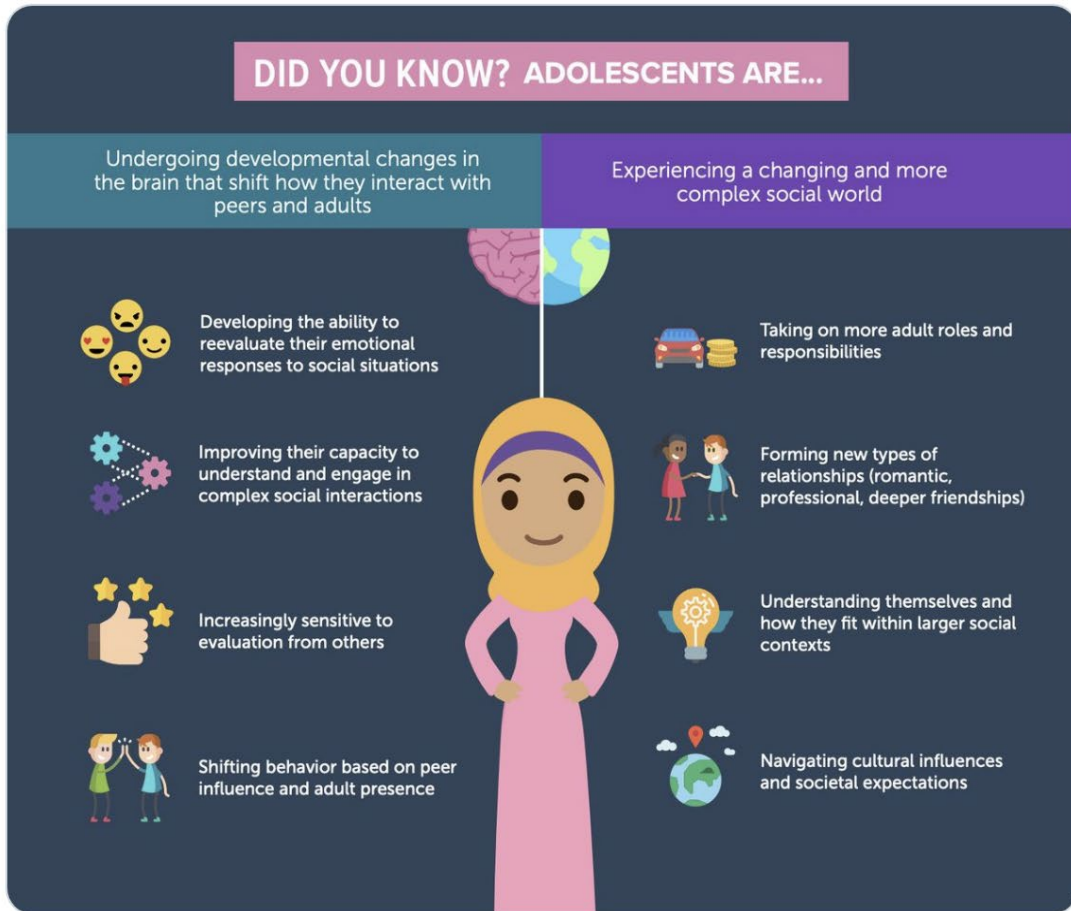
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Your teen is not acting crazy, their brain is just growing!!

Thank you, @All4Ed for such an inclusive resource!

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