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“OPEN EDUCATION”?

What do children learn? • What does the teacher do? • Can children still pass standardized tests? • Do they lose grade levels? • What about discipline? • Is there homework? • Do children do only what they want to do? • What happens if a child is switched from an “open” classroom to a traditional one? • How are basic skills taught? • Is there a scientific basis for open education practices?

These are some of the vital questions that concerned parents and teachers have been asking about a bold new educational method that is changing—and opening—minds and classrooms across America. In this unique sourcebook, the questions are answered—clearly and authoritatively—by the most prominent authors and educators in the field.

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