

ASCD in Action

CURRENT PROJECTS

Effective Supervisors. A committee of researchers and practitioners is conducting studies to identify effective supervisory practices at district and building levels. The group will also analyze district staffing patterns and their effects. Project Chair: Robert Anderson, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

Supervision and Leader Behavior Training. A committee of researchers and supervisors is designing new two-day, four-day, and extended leadership training experiences to be offered as National Curriculum Study Institutes and other ASCD activities. Project Chair: Ben Harris, University of Texas, Austin.

Commission on Instructional Supervision. This group of 75 instructional supervisors met and exchanged information at the 1984 annual conference. Prior to meeting again at the 1985 conference, they will communicate with others working on common problems and topics in supervision. Project facilitator: Jean Hall, ASCD Associate Director.

Redefining General Education in the American High School. ASCD will publish a report in August 1984 on results of a network of 17 high schools across the U.S. that have been reconsidering the subjects required of all students and formulating their own locally developed conceptions of a general education curriculum. Project Director: Gordon Cawelti, ASCD Executive Director.

High Schools for the Future. ASCD is bringing together educational leaders who want to look at high schools of the future. The project will engage the local community of each network high school in a year-long study/analysis of the future role of the high school. Each school is represented by a team of professionals who will meet twice during 1984-85.

The Elementary Network Project. This project brings together representative schools across the nation to focus on effective elementary teachers. Network participants will meet twice each year, beginning in the summer of 1984. Applications for membership on this project are being accepted until June 1, 1984. Project Chair: Jean Marani, Florida Department of Elementary Education, Tallahassee.

Elementary Curriculum Trends. ASCD is conducting a survey of curriculum practices in U.S. elementary schools. A report of results will be published in June 1985. Project Director: Jean Hall, ASCD Associate Director.

Policy Analysis. ASCD convenes qualified educators to analyze educational policies at local, state, and national levels. Project Director: Diane Berreth, ASCD Associate Director.

Equal Access to Microcomputers. A team of educators familiar with computer use in schools is gathering data for a statement on the apparent growing disparity in access to computers between students who attend richer schools and those attending poorer ones. Project Chair: Gwyn Brownlee, Educational Service Center, Richardson, Texas.

Teaching Thinking Skills. An ASCD committee has planned an invitational conference to be held in May 1984 at which researchers and practicing educators will assess the state of professional knowledge on teaching higher-order thinking in elementary and secondary schools. Following the conference, committee members will advise ASCD officers and staff on future direction of ASCD activities in this area. Project Chair: Stuart Rankin, Detroit Public Schools.

RECENT PRODUCTS

Books

Circles of Learning: Cooperation in the Classroom. David Johnson and Roger Johnson. Explains advantages of cooperation over "I win—you lose" competition, and offers practical suggestions for implementing cooperative learning in elementary, middle, and secondary schools. (611-84324) \$8.50.

Successful Teacher Evaluation. Thomas L. McGreal. Describes eight characteristics of teacher evaluation systems that work. (611-83300) \$8.75.

Early Childhood Education—Curriculum Organization and Management. Published to accompany Barbara Dav's new filmstrip kit of the same title; may be purchased separately. (611-83294) \$7.50.

Power in Staff Development Through Research on Training. Bruce Joyce and Beverly Showers. Describes how to build competence in complex teaching skills that eventually become part of teachers' repertoires. (611-83304) \$7.50.

Yearbook

Using What We Know About Teaching. Philip L. Hosford, ed. Discusses the sources of professional knowledge and how it is put to use in classrooms. (610-84322) \$12.00.

Videotapes

Effective Teaching for Higher Achievement. A 6-part training program for elementary and secondary teachers. \$450 ASCD members, \$495 nonmembers.

Supervising the Marginal Teacher. Guides administrators through difficult phases of teacher evaluation. \$195 ASCD members, \$230 nonmembers.

Improving the Quality of Student Thinking. Teachers of an actual high school social

studies class and an elementary reading comprehensive lesson demonstrate ways teachers can develop higher-order thinking skills in students. Statements by Robert Sternberg, Arthur Costa, John Bransford. \$195 ASCD members, \$230 nonmembers.

Filmstrip Kits

Early Childhood Education: Curriculum Organization and Classroom Management. Details of learning centers, skills groups, and units of study. Four sound filmstrips and teachers manual. \$135 ASCD members, \$165 nonmembers.

Audiocassettes

Research on Instructional Leadership. Five cassettes featuring Lori Manasse, Gene Hall, and Lawrence Lezotte, who describe their own research findings. (612-20370) \$33.00.

Changing Occupational Trends in the 1990s. Futurists and occupation specialists discuss the technological revolution and tomorrow's jobs. (612-20308) \$25.00.

Evaluating Programs for Teaching Thinking. Four cassettes recorded at an ASCD institute focused on the evaluation of thinking skills programs. (612-20379) \$28.50.

UPCOMING NATIONAL CURRICULUM STUDY INSTITUTES

Curriculum Design and Talented Students. Charlotte, N.C., May 12-13.

Brain Function and Learning Modalities. Ann Arbor, Mich., May 17-18.

How to Be an Effective Elementary Principal. Nashville, June 22-23.

Effective Teaching for Higher Achievement. Portland, Maine, June 25-26.

Curriculum Management. Atlantic City, June 28-30.

Effective Staff Development for Education's Neglected Student—The Teacher. Atlantic City, June 28-30.

Effective Teaching. Atlantic City, June 28-30.

Improving High Schools. Atlantic City, June 28-29.

Instructional Supervision. Atlantic City, June 28-30.

UPCOMING ASCD ANNUAL CONFERENCES

1985, Chicago, March 23-26

1986, San Francisco, March 1-4

1987, New Orleans, March 21-24

1988, Boston, March 12-15

1989, Orlando, March 11-14

1990, San Antonio, March 3-6

1991, San Francisco, March 16-19

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