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Registration is open for the Seventeenth Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference in Santa Clara, CA

Top Stories
Supporters say that incentive plans for students make sense and mirror those many companies use to motivate their employees. [http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0729/p01s03-ussc.html?s=hns](http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0729/p01s03-ussc.html?s=hns)


Funding Sources

Best Buy School Technology Program has three levels of awards from $2,500 to $250,000. You must be located within 50 miles of a Best Buy store. Deadline: September 30, 2005. [http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/3300/bestbuy](http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/3300/bestbuy)


Policy Updates


International Notes
What makes boys choose bricklaying and girls childcare? Is there a gender divide in apprenticeships? [http://education.guardian.co.uk/egweekly/story/0,5500,1540360,00.html](http://education.guardian.co.uk/egweekly/story/0,5500,1540360,00.html)

Bullying has taken on epidemic proportions in public schools across Germany, according to an alarming new survey that is backed up with first-hand accounts. [http://news.monstersandcritics.com/education/article_1031609.php/%20Bullying_takes_on_epidemic_proportions_in_German_schools](http://news.monstersandcritics.com/education/article_1031609.php/%20Bullying_takes_on_epidemic_proportions_in_German_schools)

Students With Disabilities
*After High School: A First Look at the Postschool Experiences of Youth with Disabilities*, finds that disabled students over all are less than half as likely as their peers to have attended college in the two years after high school, but the college-going rate varies greatly by type of disability. [http://www.nlts2.org/pdfs/afterhighschool_report.pdf](http://www.nlts2.org/pdfs/afterhighschool_report.pdf)
A new report finds that more youths with disabilities are successfully making the transition from school to higher education, jobs, and adult responsibilities than they did in the late 1980s. 
http://www.nlts2.org/gindex.html

**Effective Strategies**

**Alternative Schooling**
AGUILA is a college-prep program in Arizona targeting high-achieving Latino students interested in attending college. http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/0815phxyouth.html#

Low-income students can attend private schools by working for corporate America once a week. But will they stay in school? http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0825/p14s02-legn.html?s=hns

Education Policy Institute analyzed school-level Stanford Achievement Test scores for 27 fifth-grade cohorts at 24 KIPP schools and found substantially greater academic gains than what is normally expected. http://www.educationalpolicy.org/

**Educational Technology**
The number of incoming college freshmen who chose computer science as a major fell more than 60% between 2000 and 2004, says a report from the Higher Education Research Institute. http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0815/p08s01-comv.html?s=hns


**Family Engagement**
The National Parent Teacher Association in collaboration with the National Education Association has developed how-to guides for parents on ways to help their children succeed in school. http://www.nea.org/parents/nearesources-parents.html


The Center for Comprehensive School Reform and Improvement offers research-based advice and resources designed to help schools and districts foster successful parent involvement. http://www.centerforcsri.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=130&Itemid=5

**Resources & Tools**


**High School Survey of Student Engagement** http://www.indiana.edu/~nsse/hssse/

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