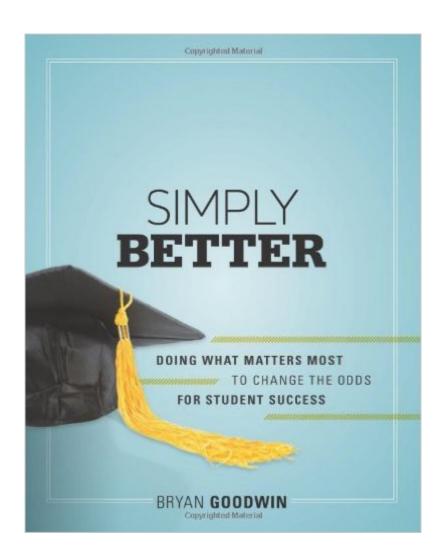
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# Simply Better: Doing What Matters Most To Change The Odds For Student Success





# **Synopsis**

We already know what works in schools; we just need to focus on getting it right. This is the premise of Simply Better: Doing What Matters Most to Change the Odds for Student Success, which offers a practical, research-based framework for improving student achievement. According to author Bryan Goodwin, decades of research have shown time and again that focusing on the following five essential practices can vastly increase students' chances of doing well in school: \* Guaranteeing that instruction is challenging, engaging, and intentional\* Ensuring curricular pathways to success\* Providing whole-child student supports\* Creating high-performance school cultures \* Developing data-driven, high-reliability district systemsWhether at the district-, school-, or classroom-level, educators don't need to reinvent the wheel or pursue the latest trends to ensure that students succeed. This powerful book reveals what research clearly shows works best in schools, and provides a valuable blueprint for turning that knowledge into visible results.

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I would strongly urge anyone involved with education to read this book! Goodwin breaks down the research and provides reasons to do what really matters by "distilling simplicity from complexity." It is easy to read and provides some fascinating examples of key principles that will help all students become successful learners. If you want to know what matters most or what matters best, then read this book.

I read two or three books a month about education, leadership, etc. This book is "simply" one of the best books on education I have ever read. Goodwin does a masterful job of describing the essence of having a high achieving school, mixing critical data sets with stories that illustrate the point. I found myself agreeing with almost everything said in this book, noting that most of the ideas in this book are part of our district's historic, C3 - Citizenship, College and Career initiative.Bravo! This book should be required reading for every supt, principal and teacher leaders. It will make a difference in your schools.

Good ideas but not practical. Not easily implemented. I know nothing is a quick fix and that systemic change takes time but I have read many other books that provide a better road map, per se than the author does in this book.

This book is a meta-analysis of relevant and current educational research. The author provides educators with insight into best practices related to school improvement. '• '• '•

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