

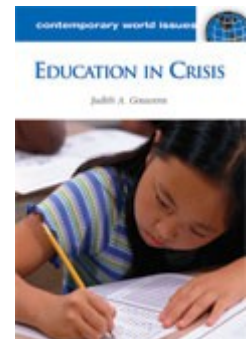
## What's New in Reference?

### Education

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Gouwens, Judith A. *Education in Crisis: A Reference Handbook*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2009.

“Over the last 50 years, historical change has stressed the American educational system to its limits. In the 1950s, *Brown v. Board of Education* challenged educators to provide equal opportunity for all, while Cold War anxieties spurred a demand for excellence. In the 21st century, a more complex educational agenda is emerging—driven by globalization and shifting realities. Has U.S. education entered a critical new phase? Authoritative and objective, *Education in Crisis: A Reference Handbook* is a critical look at the current state of the American school system, the conditions that have led many to label it “in crisis,” and solutions aimed at leveling the educational playing field, elevating overall student achievement, and keeping American students competitive on the world stage. *Education in Crisis* shows how competing economic, political, philosophical, psychological, and global interests have influenced American education reform. It then covers a range of reform initiatives, including magnet schools, basic skills curriculum, home schooling, and the role of technology. A comparison of the U.S. education system to those of other countries and a presentation of helpful resources round out this essential volume for educators, policymakers, parents, and anyone concerned about the nation's schools.”



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