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Ways which Experts say would Improve Education in America

key points from Aaron Gifford article in Epoch Times

Plummeting reading and math scores are often blamed on COVID-19, but negative trends in U.S. public school performance compared with that of other developed countries predate the pandemic. The downward spiral can be traced to two significant events: a softening of public school accountability and a new era of "screen-based childhood," in which students spend far more time on smartphones and social media than on schoolwork.

Teacher shortages are also contributing to the downward spiral as districts scramble to fill positions. The subject of math is particularly hard-hit because teachers get certified to teach skills they haven't mastered themselves. American society takes illiteracy seriously, but educated American adults, unlike their peers in other nations, are allowed to struggle with numbers and equations. It's dismissed as, 'I'm not a math person'" .....it's a cultural problem.

Many U.S. public, charter, and private schools have implemented Singapore Math with hopes of eventually mirroring their Asian counterparts' math success. In Singapore Math, students must think through concepts and apply them in new ways from the very start.



Experts also caution against overreliance on screen-based learning, classroom technology, and artificial intelligence to improve classroom performance. Math is best learned by putting pencil to paper --- and not through computers and screen time.

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Estimation Experts for June

Actual price for the 4th of July swag? $7.16

Jack M., grade 4, estimated $7.10. Nice work, Jack!

Boden, grade 2, estimated $7.00. Great estimating Boden!



Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally... but what you do consistently.





