

THE ESSENTIAL IN SCHOOL

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Abstract

TheodoreSizer is one of the most prominent figures of the contemporary school reformers in the United States. Related to his name is the name of Coalition of Essential Schools, a school reform model, which was founded in 1984 and is based on ten common principles. Among the most important ideas upon which the Essential Schools are based are: helping children learn to use their minds well, mastering essential skills, personalized learning, performance based assessment. The idea of teaching and learning the essentials could be applied in a concrete setting at Saint Mary's College in Deva, Hunedoara. The paper presents some particular issues and proposes ideas and solutions in this particular school setting.

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