



# How to Create a Perfect School

Maintain Students' Motivation and Love of Learning from Kindergarten through 12th Grade



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Anyone who has read *The Success Principles™* knows that I am a firm believer in the power of visualization. What Lee Jenkins has visualized for education is a vibrant improvement for all students at all grade levels. Happily, the students also learn to visualize their progress, both as an individual and as a member of classrooms and whole schools. This is really, really important work in creating environments where students love to learn.

I know from a personal level as a student and a former high school teacher how much Lee Jenkins' book, *How to Create a Perfect School*, is needed in America and around the world. It is well known that something is not right with far too many schools. Maybe the best evidence that something is wrong is that today's educators are very often discouraging their own children and grandchildren from becoming the next generation of teachers.

At first I was a bit skeptical about the word "perfect," but once I understood the definition and the approaches Lee Jenkins writes and speaks about, I became a big supporter. Lee is now helping thousands of educators and I expect this will very soon become millions. His work is that powerful!

I love the structure of the book that first covers defining and measuring intrinsic motivation and then addresses the educational practices that destroy intrinsic motivation. Then he shows you how to replace these destructive practices with ones that create learning for learning's sake instead of learning for the test and then promptly forgetting what was learned. The book ends with "polishing perfect" using real classroom examples and supporting data. This section brings a huge smile to my heart. After reading it, I wanted to say, "Lee, where have you been all of my life?"

And this is a book for more than educators. If you are a business leader, I strongly encourage you to jump on the chance to have Dr. Jenkins work with the schools in your community. You all have lamented that students and graduates do not seem to know how to cooperate in the work place. The fact is that all of the constant competition for grades has not prepared them to become productive employees. Lee has the solutions you want for your community.

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