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Episode 3 Show Notes:

Should We Just Get Rid of Grades?

[Episode 3 HERE](#)

Hello, teacher friends! In this episode, Christina and Gina watch and respond to Alfie Kohn's video, "Why Grades Shouldn't Exist." (link below-- under 5 min., watch with us!). We will be discussing the role of grading in the lives of teachers and students, and pointing you towards a few of the resources we discovered as we prepared this episode. We'll hear about the equitable grading movement, take a stand on grade inflation and ask ourselves: what is grading for, should we be doing it all -- and if so, what is the best approach?

Let's get this conversation going!



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RESOURCE ROUND-UP

A collection of ideas about grading, alternatives to grades and grading with equity in mind.

The Pros and Cons of Grading

Grading Systems, Explained

5 Signs Your Grading System is

Sabotaging Your Students

Is Our Grading System Fair?

Grading for Equity

Alternatives to Letter Grades



COMING UP!

LOOKING COLLABORATIVELY AT STUDENT WORK

EXPLORE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID STUDENTS REALLY LEARN?

**HOW CAN I FACILITATE A DEEPER LEVEL
OF UNDERSTANDING?**

**Gain insight into your
instructional practices
through an exploration of
student work!**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH
4PM-5PM
[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

**Hear a fellow practitioner
share her team's
experience with
collaborative reviews of
student work!**



UPSTATE PDRC SUMMER ACADEMIES

Live Virtual Sessions:

July 11-14 10AM-12PM

Re-booting Classroom Culture for Post-Pandemic Teens (Grades 7-12)

July 12, 19, 26 Weekly on Tuesdays 9:30AM-10:30AM

Art Teachers Summer Workshop:
Creativity, Connection and
Collaboration

July 18-22 10AM-11:30AM

Clarification, Culture, and
Connection: An Onboarding
Workshop for Leaders and Mentors

August 1-5 10AM-12PM:
Classroom Practices to Promote
Equity and Inclusion

August 8-12 9AM-11AM:

Identify, Develop and Adapt Support:
Leadership Tools for Instructional
Practice

August 15-19 9AM-11:30AM:
New/Novice Teacher Academy:
Creating a Student-Centered
Classroom

Plus! All New On-Demand Topics
Learning On Your Time, On Your Terms

Check out this exciting FREE offering from a
trusted source: EdWeek!

EdWeek Leadership Symposium

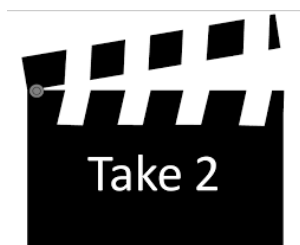
May 9, 2022—May 11, 2022

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Expert practitioners discuss today's most pressing challenges and provide actionable insights and valuable takeaways.



Previously...On T2T
Listen to our [back episodes](#)



Episode 2: What Works in School Discipline?

Gina and Christina talk about exclusion, punishment and responding to harm.

Episode 1: What's Your Teaching Style?

Gina and Christina talk about how to be yourself AND be a really good teacher.

Episode 0: What is This, Anyway?

Gina and Christina introduce themselves as teachers and learners.

PDRC
SPOTLIGHT
VIDEO
2 minutes to a
better life.



2 Minute Video: Check out these on-demand sessions!

Equitable Grading Practices for the
Classroom
& Designing Rubrics

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The ideas presented here are intended to spark discussion and represent
a range of perspectives.*