



Unlocking the Education Code

Creating an Education Blueprint for you and your family!

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Education

The first step in creating an Education Blueprint for you and your family is to understand the idea of education. Often the terms schooling and education are used synonymously, and this causes much confusion. Schooling ends and education doesn't; therefore, there must be a difference between the terms. My definition of education is as follows:

Education is a process of deliberate intellectual, social, and moral learning.

It is a process because it never stops, and learning is further defined as modified behavior. Probably the most important part of the definition is the word deliberate. Education is purposeful, and if an activity is to be educative, it must be initiated by a personal ambition.

The five themes of education are: Perseverance; Influence; Moderation; Maturity; and Grace.

Perseverance is the ability to endure and stick with it. Perseverance is necessary when dealing with the issues of school, maintaining your health, and cultivating relationships. The key to perseverance is to love what you do and be clear of your ambitions.

Influence is the ability to be a keen and active participant with your associations. Your crowd matters because people like to conform and associations nudge. The key to influence is to be strategic and regularly reflect on how your associations are affecting you.

Moderation is the ability to delay gratification and know when to push things to their appropriate limits. Moderation should not be confused with lack of intensity, but understood as the knack for discipline. The key to moderation is relating wants to tasks, and making a habit of writing things down.

Maturity is the ability to appropriately understand things, ranging from the universal to the personal with the national, local, and family in between. The key to maturity is to read great books and live vicariously through great minds. I call this is Comprehensive Continual and Communicable Liberal Education (C3LE).

Grace is the ability to live well. How you express gratitude, display manners, and deal with change are all expressions of your aptitude for grace. The key to grace comes from Marcus Aurelius who recommends you reflect each day on the meaning of life.

Education Blueprint

I think creating an Educational Blueprint for you and your family is the most important work you can do to be strategic about education and mindful of your influence.

The first step is **Lifestyle Framing**. This process begins with the visualization of an ideal future and ends with determining the approach of how learning will unfold.

The second step is the **Education Plan of Action Component**. This is where lifestyle decisions are explored and we ensure there are short, mid, and long range goals.

The third step is the **Education Affect Component**. This part is where we ask the question, “Why is this important?” This step gives the emotional tie to your vision and it is critical to perseverance.

The fourth step is **Education Plan of Action Assimilation**. This part determines tasks and the required work to be done.

The fifth step is the **Education Blueprint Component**. This is where we create the graphic or written plan. There is power in writing things down!

The final step is **Transition**. This is where Literacy Events are proposed and rehearsals established. We also ensure that the Blueprint and its intent are communicated and communicable by you and your family.

Home Leadership

Home leaders need to be mindful of their influence and teach those in their charge to use their leisure time appropriately. Leisure time is that time other than when asleep or at work/school.

Home Leader Qualities

Relational

- Communicates to improve performance
- Solutions focused
- Gets to yes by being a principled negotiator

Executive

- Sets goals
- Plans and coordinates tasks

Home Leader Conditions

The following conditions should be set in order to amplify your influence and implement your Blueprint effectively.

1. How to start the day 2. How to begin work 3. Proper use of verbal and non-verbal communication 4. Appropriate task behavior 5. Technology responsibilities	6. Proper supply preparation (shoes, mittens, pens, backpack, homework, etc.) 7. How to ask questions 8. Expectations regarding behavior in public 9. How to follow directions 10. Proper end-of-day routines
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