



# Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform)

*Camille A. Farrington*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform)

Camille A. Farrington

**Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform)** Camille A. Farrington

Roughly half of all incoming ninth graders across urban districts will fail classes and drop out of school without a diploma. *Failing at School* starts with the premise that urban American high schools generate such widespread student failure not because of some fault of the students who attend them but because high schools were designed to stratify achievement and let only the top performers advance to higher levels of education. This design is particularly detrimental for low-income, racial/ethnic minority students. To get different results, Farrington proposes fundamental changes based on what we now know about how students learn, what motivates them to engage in learning, and what kinds of educational systems and structures would best support their learning.

“This is a groundbreaking and eye-opening study because it does what few studies of high school truly do: get inside the hearts and minds of teen-agers and show what their experience of school looks and feels like to them. The analysis of students who fail is revealing and powerful. There are poignant and revealing stories of just how a few student mistakes or teacher insensitivities lead to unfortunate and long-lasting results. More importantly, these case studies, their nuances, and their implications take us beyond the clichés and simplistic theories about schools and reform. Most importantly, we read of tangible and intelligent solutions that can be instituted, based on the facts on the ground. I highly recommend this book to everyone interested in getting beyond the typical talking points of school reform.”

—**Grant Wiggins**, Authentic Education

“Camille Farrington details how high schools trap students along developmental trajectories distorted by structural factors—resources, values and practices—beyond their control. Grounded firmly in research, she describes a better way forward. This book is an important contribution to the re-visioning of American high schools.”

—**Ronald F. Ferguson**, faculty director, Achievement Gap Initiative, Harvard University

"Why is there such a pattern of failure in urban high schools? This is a vital issue for every city in America. Camille Farrington's analysis of the roots of this problem and suggestions for structural changes to break this cycle is the best I have seen. This book combines research and practitioner wisdom with common sense and heart, and for those of us engaged in this work, presents concrete directions for positive change."

—**Ron Berger**, chief academic officer, Expeditionary Learning

## Book Features:

- Offers concrete strategies for redesigning high schools based on four dimensions of student achievement—structural, academic, developmental, and motivational.
- Highlights the voices of students to illustrate fundamental problems with the way we currently “do school.”
- Addresses the new Common Core State Standards and the potential of this major reform effort to move us

toward equity and excellence.

**Camille A. Farrington** is a research associate (assistant professor) at The University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and the Consortium on Chicago School Research and director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment for the Network for College Success.

 [Download Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban H ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) Camille A. Farrington**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **John McCraw:**

Book is usually written, printed, or descriptive for everything. You can learn everything you want by a reserve. Book has a different type. We all know that that book is important point to bring us around the world. Close to that you can your reading ability was fluently. A reserve Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) will make you to be smarter. You can feel far more confidence if you can know about every little thing. But some of you think in which open or reading a new book make you bored. It is not necessarily make you fun. Why they could be thought like that? Have you seeking best book or appropriate book with you?

#### **Lawrence Gibbs:**

The ability that you get from Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) will be the more deep you excavating the information that hide inside the words the more you get considering reading it. It does not mean that this book is hard to understand but Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) giving you enjoyment feeling of reading. The article author conveys their point in selected way that can be understood simply by anyone who read this because the author of this e-book is well-known enough. That book also makes your own vocabulary increase well. Making it easy to understand then can go with you, both in printed or e-book style are available. We recommend you for having this Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) instantly.

#### **Chris Moore:**

Many people spending their time frame by playing outside along with friends, fun activity having family or just watching TV the entire day. You can have new activity to invest your whole day by studying a book. Ugh, you think reading a book will surely hard because you have to accept the book everywhere? It fine you can have the e-book, bringing everywhere you want in your Cell phone. Like Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) which is keeping the e-book version. So , try out this book? Let's observe.

#### **Sanjuana Day:**

Reading a guide make you to get more knowledge as a result. You can take knowledge and information coming from a book. Book is created or printed or descriptive from each source this filled update of news. With this modern era like now, many ways to get information are available for an individual. From media social including newspaper, magazines, science e-book, encyclopedia, reference book, novel and comic. You can add your knowledge by that book. Ready to spend your spare time to spread out your book? Or just trying to find the Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) when you essential it?

**Download and Read Online Failing at School: Lessons for  
Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) Camille  
A. Farrington #MIDBQL7WK9S**

## **Read Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) by Camille A. Farrington for online ebook**

Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) by Camille A. Farrington Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) by Camille A. Farrington books to read online.

### **Online Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) by Camille A. Farrington ebook PDF download**

**Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) by Camille A. Farrington Doc**

**Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) by Camille A. Farrington Mobipocket**

**Failing at School: Lessons for Redesigning Urban High Schools (series on school reform) by Camille A. Farrington EPub**