



Indy K12's 2019 Top Ten

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As 2019 comes to close, it is important to look back at the stories that garnered the most attention from our readers. So far during 2019, our writers collectively wrote 266 pieces. Whether the pieces were written in 2019 or years ago, there are certain topics that caused our readers to cheer or respond with angry rebuttals. But at the end of the day, our readers were engaged in education topics from the viewpoint of black residents of Indianapolis where the

majority of our writers are educators. How many education publications put black voices at the forefront? Let's take a look back at our most-viewed pieces during 2019.

10. [Let's Talk about "Open Door" Policies at Schools](#)

Andrew Pillow launched into a discussion about the potential problems with open door policies at schools.

9. [5 Tips for Parents to Have a Successful Parent/Teacher Conference](#)

Educator Barnes believes parents should enter parent/teacher conferences with a game plan, and she provided some tips to make parent/teacher conferences a success.

8. [5 Ways to Watch Movies in Class Effectively](#)

Andrew Pillow advocated that teachers should be allowed to show movies in class, but he also provided some guidelines to justify that choice.

7. [Black Kids are ELLs too!](#)

Guest writer Shareefah Mason provided a perspective that asserts black children have the same needs as English language learners.

6. [Indiana Teacher Pay Commission: 'We are tired of telling you how to fix teacher pay.'](#)

Educator Barnes explained that teachers are sick and tired of talking about teacher pay and teachers want action not more conversation.

5. [Teacher Confessions: I Love and I Hate Red for Ed](#)

Educator Barnes explained the inner turmoil she has about the Red for Ed movement. There was no middle ground on responses to this piece; people either hated it or loved it.

4. [Teacher Confessions: A Student Threatened to Kill Me and was in My Class the Next Day](#)

Educator Barnes wrote about teacher safety. Teacher responses show she wasn't alone in having these experiences.

3. [Why Teacher Attendance Matters](#)

David McGuire explained the impact on students when teachers are frequently absent from the classroom.

2. Teacher Quit Principals, Not Schools

Educator Barnes reminded principals to consider their actions when it comes to teacher turnover in their buildings.

1. Can Schools Exclude Students from Field Trips?

Andrew Pillow explained if schools really have the right to exclude children from school field trips.

To our readers, thanks for the support! We hope you continue to support us as we enter 2020.