



## A Look Back at Indy K12 in 2021

By Educator Barnes – January 2, 2022

Although the coronavirus pandemic continued in 2021, the writers at Indy K12 continued to provide information, resources, and reflections for our readers. There were some pieces that resonated with our readers more than others. Check them out below.

10. [African American Excellence in Education Awards 2021](#) by Educator Barnes

Despite the pandemic, the African American Excellence in Education Awards happened virtually. Highlighting these educators was especially important during the pandemic.

9. [How to Opt Your Children Out of Standardized Testing](#) by Educator Barnes

With the return to in-person learning came the return of state standardized tests. Some parents wanted to opt their children out and Barnes explained how.

8. [What to Do if You Don't Like Charter Schools](#) by Andrew Pillow

Indy K12 writer, Andrew Pillow, got right to the point to explain what people should do if they have a problem with public charter schools.

7. [Will Schools Return to Remote Learning?](#) by Andrew Pillow

The pandemic and the response to it seemed unpredictable at times. Pillow highlighted that angst.

6. [Indiana High Students Will Have to Take U.S. Citizenship Test](#) by Educator Barnes

Next school year, Indiana high schoolers will be required to take a citizenship test. Details of the new requirement are explained in this piece.

5. [New Indiana Senate Bill Suggests No School Before Labor Day](#) by David McGuire

The school start date seems to be a point of contention each school year. 2021 was no different.

4. [When Teachers are Criminalized at School](#) by Educator Barnes

Barnes explained the emotional turmoil educators endure when their schools become a place where they feel like criminals.

3. [A Teacher's Review of Online Lesson Delivery Platforms \(Edpuzzle, Classkick, Nearpod\)](#) by Andrew Pillow

Online platforms were important for delivering instruction. Pillow provided feedback on three of them.

2. Pros and Cons of Having E-Learning Days in Place of Snow Days by Andrew Pillow

Remote learning is a huge threat to inclement weather days. Pillow was able to find some reasons to still have snow days.

1. Indianapolis Mother Overhears Teacher Disparage her Daughter on Zoom by David McGuire

Pike Township was plagued by issues. Bus drivers and teachers called out sick and caused remote days. A petition was circulated demanding the superintendent resign. The worst was the harm done to students. McGuire captured the plight of one Pike Township student.

There you have it! Was there an article that was memorable to you that was not on this list? Let us know in the comments and on social media.