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# Opening Remarks



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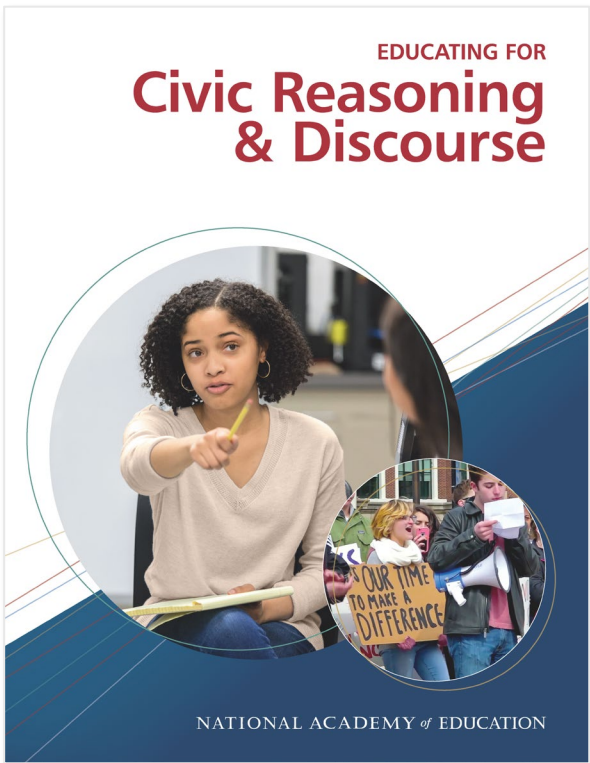
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# Expanding Goals of Schooling



## EDUCATING FOR Civic Reasoning & Discourse

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# Dimensions of Civic Reasoning

- Knowledge – conceptual and procedural related to the topics that are addressed in the civic problem
- Epistemology – valuing complexity, resisting simplistic solutions to complex problems
- Ethics – values that are informed by not only perceptions of one's own needs, but also the needs of others; empathy for others; a belief in fairness; a desire for the health, happiness and well-being of others
- Dispositions – to question, to weigh multiple points of view, to value evidence, to listen to others, to empathize with others

# Lessons from Science of Learning and Development

- Thinking and emotions are deeply intertwined and interdependent
- Perceptions of the self, others, tasks and settings matter
- Humans are adaptive and multiple pathways of development is both normative and essential

## The Boy Who Sees with Sound

Blind since age 3, Ben Underwood skateboards, shoots hoops and plays video games. How does he do it? Just like bats and dolphins

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# Focusing On Building Ecosystem Supports

- How we conceptualize and understand knowledge and learning in the academic content areas
- What and how we assess knowledge and for what purposes
- What breadth and focus of supporting teacher professional knowledge
- Building schools as learning communities
- Universal Pre-K, Health care, Housing, and Safety
- Re-conceptualizing diversity in pathways of learning

# What We Must Do Internally - The Braid of Brown

- Supports for children – social, emotional, physical, intellectual, imaginative
- Harlem Children's Zone Model
- Model of community during Jim Crow
- Build institutional supports for developing strong racial/ethnic identity
  - The values, practices and relationships that have sustained our people across time, place, and hardship

# Broader Ecological Supports From the Society

- Health
- Healthy food options
- Social service supports for children and families
- Safety
- Housing

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