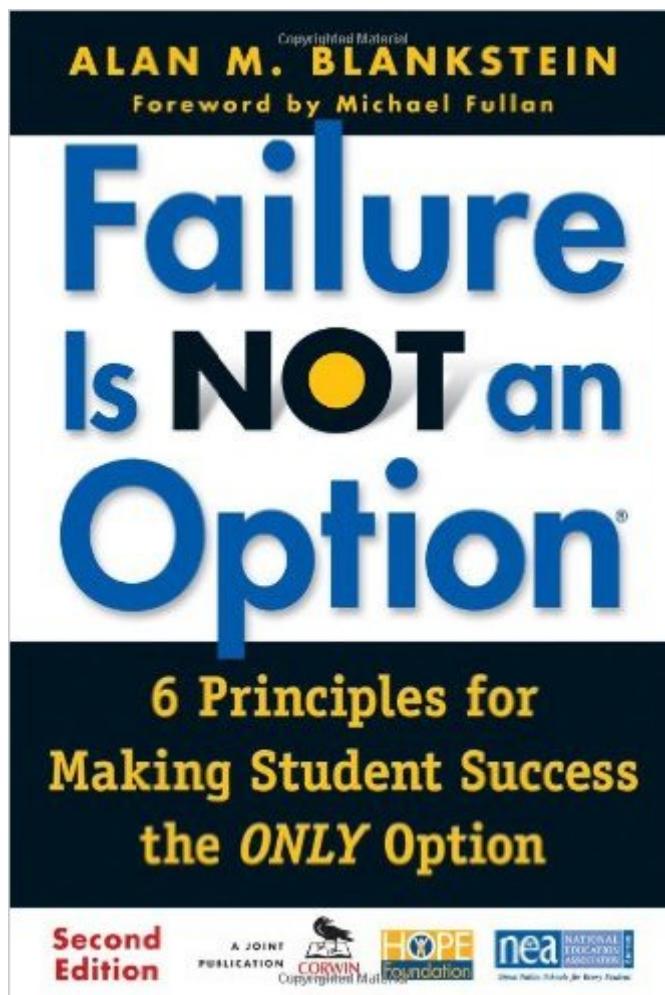


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# Failure Is Not An Option ®: 6 Principles For Making Student Success The ONLY Option



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Five years, 200,000 readers, and one national award after the first edition, Blankstein documents how educators have closed gaps, turned schools around, and sustained overall success. Resources referenced in Failure Is Not an Option®, Second Edition are available in The Facilitator's Guide to Failure Is Not an Option®, Second Edition and can also be found at the HOPE Foundation Web site at [www.hopefoundation.org](http://www.hopefoundation.org).

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While I can't say that he should get a humanitarian award, this is a pretty good prescription for some of the ailments in my school. Sometimes we just forget and need a reminder and sometimes we need some new ideas. This book has both. Take out a pen and make a "to do" list because you will have one when you are done.

If you are interested in learning about what dedicated educators are doing to make sure that all students succeed, then this is the book for you.

A wonderful book for anyone who is wanting to further their understanding on how to work with students and maintain a mentality that failure is not an option. Chapter 4 is AMAZING!

The chapter on parent involvement is worth the price of admission alone. Blankstein recognizes that

if parents aren't on board, the school can only go so far. There are very detailed ideas about what teachers can do to reach out to the community---and also to be involved in the community so it's not a one-way street. These include neighborhood walks, in which teachers actually introduce themselves personally before the start of the year, personal invitations to parents who don't usually come into the classrooms, etc. Some activities are even done on weekends for parents who work full-time during the week. The book also talks about using data---such as identifying WHICH parents aren't ever in the classroom---to know who to target. Throughout the book, the use of data is also heavily emphasized in terms of identifying EACH student's needs and addressing them accordingly. Too many schools act like they either own the students (leaving parents out) or are not remotely responsible for the students (blaming parents when students fail). This book offers a fine alternative to both.

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