
Study Guide – Closing the Achievement Gap: No Excuses

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Closing the Achievement Gap: No Excuses tells the story of a school district that overcame great odds to improve their achievement gap, and documents the protocol they used to achieve success. The 8-Step Process is a strong protocol for implementing team-based school improvement which has proven effective in several Georgia school districts as well as nationwide. This Study Guide is provided for your use should you decide to focus on this book with a study circle or learning community, or for your individual development.

1. What is Dr. Anderson's **motivation / urgency** to change?

2. How will you **create a sense of urgency** for your improvement focus?

3. What **data** will you and your team use to pinpoint and initiate change needed for the improvement focus?

4. What are the **pros**, **cons**, and **implications** for replicating The 8-Step Process in my school / district?

<u>Pros</u>	<u>Cons</u>	<u>Implications</u>

5. What **barriers** do you foresee in closing the achievement gap in your school and/or district?

6. What **opportunities** do you foresee in closing the achievement gap in your school / district?