

## **Education now Determines Destiny in the US.**

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The current economic changes have made the chasm between the college educated and the service/working classes larger than it has ever been. Unemployment for high school dropouts now exceeds 15%. And the blue-collar worker now earns less than his father did.

In comparison, a third of our nation's adults have attained college degrees, and they are currently enjoying rising incomes and low unemployment. They also reap the benefit of more stable families, which we know is critical to children's future prospects.

However, the ability of our nation to change education policy has proven slow at best. Currently the US has one of the lowest high school graduation rates of any developed nation. Many schools are suffering from even less time with students, overcrowding and a plethora of other serious problems.

Educational policy must now reposition itself to prepare American children to complete college or they will likely be relegated to economic mediocrity. The question is, can they do it fast enough to keep YOUR child on track to compete with the international students vying for the US colleges that your child is trying to attend?

While families are rethinking the choices they make with their limited resources, it is clear that educational investment will become a top priority for the foreseeable future.

How can you be proactive? Set clear goals for your child early, talk a lot about the value of education and the hard work it will take. Provide educational support by using tutoring, private classes, and enrichment opportunities to enhance the education they are receiving at the school they attend.

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