

## New Age Education Definitions - updated August 2017

Word/Phrase	Traditional Meaning	New Meaning
accountable	must show responsible behavior to, e.g. the government is accountable to the people	Object is now responsible to the subject. You are expected to be accountable to the government not the government accountable to you.
at risk	in danger	needs government monitoring, study, subsidies, or intervention. Beware of who defines "at risk" and the interventions.
barriers	road blocks	laws--like the Constitution or privacy rights laws
basic skills	reading, writing, and arithmetic	Teamwork, critical thinking, making decisions, communication, adapting to change, and understanding whole systems (from <i>High Skills, High Wages</i> , WA state (WTECB 1996))
career path	no prior definition. It implies "what you want to be when you grow up."	gov't-defined and developed job tracks, controlled by a certification system, similar to the old USSR's centrally planned economy and workforce; part of the School-to-Work plan.
civics education	learning how gov't works in the USA	activism--for politically correct causes promoted by the public school
closing the gaps	raising scores of low-achievers	lowering scores of high-achievers; providing watered-down curricula
collaborative learning	working with other students	going along with the group; not maintaining individuality; learning to compromise one's values
consensus	everyone agrees	organized peer pressure to force conformity to a pre-determined position, with no dissent accepted.
constructivism	no prior definition	Students construct their own learning. Teachers are not to provide answers but are to "guide" students. Many views are allowed, not just one right answer, even in math.
critical thinking	teaching children to think for themselves, using rational, factual analysis.	criticizing and challenging traditional beliefs, values, and authorities; conforming children to the new politically-correct thought.
diversity	a variety of things--ideas, people, interests	variety, based on superficial or sexual traits such as race or gender orientation; diverse viewpoints are not permitted
educational video games	educational video games to be used at school to improve academic skills	stealth assessments - Data are collected while students think they are just playing a game. The data are not only on academics but also on personality traits and behaviors, e.g. perseverance.
equity	equal resources, equal opportunity	equality of results
facilitator	chairman, helper	manipulator
global	throughout the world	controlled by or conforming to the ideas of an international body such as the UN
high standards	requiring excellence	making sure students adhere to a politically-correct standard to a high degree
higher order thinking skills	difficult concepts; know-ing truth from buzz words	Those ARE buzz words for pre-determined, politically-correct attitudes and values which children must internalize.

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languages such as French, Arabic, etc.	foreign languages	"world languages". "Foreign" sounds too alienating. We are all in one world; English shouldn't be elevated to a special status.
lifelong learning	always learning things	continuous brainwashing
lower order thinking skills	basic concepts; the foundation for further sequential learning	boring facts that shouldn't be memorized, such as multiplication tables, spelling rules, etc.
mastery	ability to do something well	making responses that correspond to a predetermined, politically-correct outcome
mindfulness	paying attention to what you are doing	brain-body regulating techniques; re-wiring the brain, using yoga and Buddhist meditative practices, for calmness and focus.
outcome-based	accountability by measuring outcome quality (value)	Educators decide on politically-correct outcomes for students and then teach those bits of information that will make students exhibit those outcomes.
partnership (as in public-private partnership)	people working together	public funds funneled to unaccountable, privately controlled organizations
partnership (as in schools partnering with parents)	schools work with parents	Schools set the agenda, take over parental functions such as breakfast and lunch and the teaching of values-laden information such as sex, gender, bullying, and death education. School staff expect parents to carry on the directives of the school.
performance-based	measuring the excellence of a student's skill by rating his/her demonstration of that skill	See "outcome-based" above. When "outcome-based" education developed a bad name, the term was changed to "performance-based", "standards-based", "competency-based" and other similar terms.
planned economy	government economic intervention (traditionally not desirable in the USA)	with respect to schools - gov't control of workforce training and job placement to meet gov't goals, accomplished through longitudinal data-mining; part of the gov't School-to-Work plan
reform	to make better	to change to politically-correct outcomes
seamless system	smooth transitions, no rough spots	top down system enforcing conformity; every component (individual, organization, etc.) must align
Standards-based education	education based on standard knowledge	also called outcome-based or performance-based; students are conditioned to behave according to a predetermined standard.
sustainable	able to keep going	unable to remove; a concept or practice which becomes embedded into a system so deeply it cannot easily be removed even if found to be impractical or costly,
sustainable development	no prior definition	Proponents claim it is a lifestyle that does not deplete resources at the expense of future generations. In reality it is a no-growth belief system with the premise that the affluent became well-off by abusing the poor and thus should be made to live poorly so that the poor may live more affluently. This results in strong governmental authority with no one living well.

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technology in the classroom	computers and tablets to teach computing, and individualize instruction,	computers and tablets for the collection of students' personal data, including social-emotional information
world class	best in the world	similar to other countries including socialist and third world countries; being controlled by an international body such as the UN or UNESCO.