

# Dana Goldstein

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Intellectual, Believe, Vision, Strong, Doctors, Years, Missionary Zeal, Planning,  
Summer, Achievement, Disappointment, Easy*

Just to deliver one high-quality 45 minute lesson requires many hours of planning in advance.

~Dana Goldstein

The idea that because the school day is shorter or the school year is shorter than the sort of white collar workday or work year, that does not actually capture how teachers spend their time.

~Dana Goldstein

There's definitely a tension between the way teaching is talked about and understood at the political level and how everyday average Americans think about teachers.

~Dana Goldstein

Men are more salary-sensitive when they're choosing a job.

~Dana Goldstein

Coming to the civil rights movement in the twentieth century, we begin to have this idea that's still with us today, which is that the main purpose of public education is closing achievement gaps.

~Dana Goldstein

There are a lot of polls that show that actually Americans have a pretty high opinion of teachers, that Americans think teachers are just about as prestigious as doctors.

~Dana Goldstein

I believe everyone in the education sector should be looking at evidence, reassessing, making tweaks to figure out what works, I think it's a positive model.

~Dana Goldstein

Teaching is been seen as kind of a moral calling and not as an intellectual job.

~Dana Goldstein

Just in general, when we look at our school system, there is so much overlap with our criminal justice system in terms of our low-income youth.

~Dana Goldstein

The question is rarely asked, "Why is it that so few other Americans have these protections?" The question is more often asked, "Why do teachers have it so easy?"

~Dana Goldstein

I always make the point that teachers are people too, and that they don't just want to be in front of kids all day and have children be their only feedback loop.

~Dana Goldstein

I don't think school reform should be motivated by missionary zeal. I think it should be motivated by evidence of what works.

~Dana Goldstein

I think a lot of people truly underestimate how much planning is involved in a teacher's work cycle.

~Dana Goldstein

Younger teachers are definitely more likely to have worked at charter schools as opposed to have just heard of them. Charter schools explicitly look, often, to hire younger people.

~Dana Goldstein

In North Carolina, for example, it takes 15 years to move a teacher's salary from \$30,000 to \$40,000. So it's really difficult to argue that pay doesn't have something to do with the lack of prestige.

~Dana Goldstein

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