
Grit: The power of passion and perseverance

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When I was 27 years old, I left a very demanding job in management consulting for a job that was even more demanding: teaching.

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**What struck me was
that IQ was not the only
difference between my
best and my worst
students.**

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The kinds of things you need to learn in seventh grade math, sure, they're hard: ratios, decimals, the area of a parallelogram.

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**A few years ago, I
started studying grit in
the Chicago public
schools.**

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To me, the most shocking thing about grit is how little we know, how little science knows, about building it.

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**In other words, we need
to be gritty about
getting our kids grittier.**



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