

Top Five!

Happy New Year! For this month's "Top Five," we're rounding up EdSurge's most popular articles of 2017. See our list below and check out more popular articles for [K-12](#) and [higher ed](#) on our website.

EdSurge's 2017 Top Five

#1: [Kids Don't Fail, Schools Fail Kids: Sir Ken Robinson on the 'Learning Revolution'](#): In a keynote presentation last year, Robinson praised kids' passion for learning but slammed a school system that beats this love out of students.

#2: [Goodbye ABCs: How One State Is Moving Beyond Grade Levels and Graded Assessments](#): A new competency-meets-project-based approach frees some students up to work on mastering specific standards, instead of a standard curriculum.

#3: [Battle of the Classrooms: Apple, Google, Microsoft Vie for K-12 Market](#): From Google and Microsoft's LMS-like collaboration system to Apple's device manager, here's our handy guide to all things Classroom.

#4: [What Happened to Google's Effort to Scan Millions of University Library Books?](#) For universities and researchers, Google's project has radically altered the way they interact with Big Data on a daily basis.

#5: [Tired Edtech Trends That Teachers Wish Would Retire: From the Floor of ISTE 2017](#): Educators share the buzzwords, hardware and apps that really ought to be put out to pasture in 2018.

New on EdSurge:

[Diane Ravitch: The Increasing Misuse of Technology in Schools](#)

[What's the Difference Between Project- and Challenge-Based Learning, Anyway?](#)