

# The New, Progressive Direction of Education in China

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The intense \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ for learning woven into the age-old exams--not to mention a longstanding \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ faith in literacy that still underlines Chinese culture--continue to produce stereotyped whiz-kids in math and \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ with extremely sharp memories, at least according to their performance on \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ assessments. Shanghai students contend each year with Finnish and Singaporean peers to rank at the top on \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ OECD education rankings (how China samples \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ remains controversial). But it's increasingly clear that \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ teaching and regimented exams have, arguably, failed to produce young people who foster \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ innovation or design \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ in engineering. \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ remains far behind in the arts, cultural invention, or academic research. Beyond a handful of \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ fiction writers, many now living in exile, the country has seen few notable figures emerge in the humanities.

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The nation's bulwark of \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb \_\_\_\_\_ has also begun to \_\_\_\_\_ Determiner \_\_\_\_\_, a wake-up call to government \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_. Faced with slim odds of winning a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ seat, the count of high-school students sitting for the national \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ has declined from 10.5 to 9.3 \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ between 2008 to 2010. A rising share of top scorers \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Non 3rd Person Singular Present \_\_\_\_\_ what are often arcane Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ and head \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb \_\_\_\_\_, especially offspring of the growing nouveau riche. China's ambitious reform of college \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ now sends "a clear message to secondary-school students and their teachers that a narrow focus

on rote learning ... may not be enough to ensure entry to higher education," wrote John Morgan and Bin Wu,

Noun - Plural on Proper Noun policy, in an Noun for The Conversation.

But whether the remake of Noun in China will truly move Noun - Plural to shift their emphasis away from drilling on facts to analysis and critical thinking isn't clear. In certain cases, this type of questioning is exactly what the Chinese government continues to stamp out. "Noun - Plural quietly talk about the Adjective uprising" at Proper Noun Square in 1989, Xiaoyan, a Proper Noun graduate student told me. "But it's not asked on the Adjective exam, so Noun - Plural don't take it Adverb." And the shrill Noun - Plural of some Noun leaders continue to Verb inventive thinking inside schools. "We must, by no means, allow into our classrooms material that propagates Western values," The New Yorker Verb - Past Tense Minister of Proper Noun Yuan Guiren saying earlier this Noun.

A handful of Noun - Plural schools, however, already Adjective Western-style Noun - Plural strategies through what are known as "learning-oriented Noun - Plural." Students take on applied Coordinating conjunction or tackle neighborhood problems, and Noun nurture "equal and Noun - Plural relationships Noun Coordinating conjunction and students," the Noun Proper Noun Lifu Han told me. Meanwhile, newly minted Noun - Plural seek jobs in more autonomous "key schools," Determiner are a bit like charter schools in the U.S. in that they're government funded yet possess "the Noun to determine how to Verb their students," Haiyan said. These Adjective schools require students to engage in Adjective topics, delve into Adjective literature,

and become fluent in \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Non 3rd Person Singular Present \_\_\_\_\_ the offspring of Beijing's booming bourgeoisie, children of corporate and government elites--kids often bound for \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ overseas. While America's policy \_\_\_\_\_ Adverb \_\_\_\_\_ now focuses most on what the country's \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ system should not do--don't \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ kids, don't \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense \_\_\_\_\_ learning standards, and so on--China's \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinating conjunction \_\_\_\_\_ and parents are increasingly asking how to ready their kids for a more open society and nimble economy. And there, the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ debate over the core aims of education invokes both \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ and moral priorities spurred by an obviously \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense \_\_\_\_\_ social fabric, as vegetable carts dodge sleek BMWs on city \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ and children of \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ workers--families that make up one-third of \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_ densely packed population--are largely excluded from high-quality public schools.

This prompts calls for Chinese teachers to cultivate \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ character, for students to \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ well-rounded, rather than being forced to walk the \_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ "one-plank bridge" over to a \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ seat, based on a single \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ score. Beijing has approved \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ aimed at lightening the burden, including one that, according to Fei Zhao, an education professor at Capital Normal University, shrinks the \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ day by two hours. Even with this easing of pressure, Chinese pupils still \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Non 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Person Singular Present \_\_\_\_\_ one and a half hours fewer each night than their global \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ on average. And ultimately, despite this broader \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ push, it's difficult for Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to kick back when they're trying to support their children, especially when both parents must \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to make ends meet. Many pay for tutoring, \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_ activities, and \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ lessons--seeking a competitive edge for their

\_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_. "It's so expensive to raise a child in \_\_\_\_\_ Proper Noun \_\_\_\_\_," Zhao said.

Amid this swirl of fresh reforms and novel aspirations for their schools, Chinese \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Non 3rd Person Singular \_\_\_\_\_  
Present \_\_\_\_\_ talk about exporting a "third model" of education to other societies. One \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ official pulled  
me aside this fall, requesting my help in \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense \_\_\_\_\_ about this emerging \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ for how to  
enliven schools, still fortified by demanding national exams, while \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Present Tense \_\_\_\_\_ beyond the West's  
self-centered values and the former Soviet Union's \_\_\_\_\_ Noun \_\_\_\_\_ classrooms.

"\_\_\_\_\_ Modal \_\_\_\_\_ can't be just like the West, we have to find a new model that we feel \_\_\_\_\_ Preposition or  
subordinating conjunction \_\_\_\_\_ with," said Jiajia, a former \_\_\_\_\_ Preposition or subordinating conjunction \_\_\_\_\_ of mine at UC Berkeley  
who now prepares new \_\_\_\_\_ Preposition or subordinating conjunction \_\_\_\_\_ outside of Shanghai. Asked what this  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adjective \_\_\_\_\_ form of schooling looks like, he \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Past Tense \_\_\_\_\_ wryly: "We don't know yet."