As an educator, whether you are teaching English, reading, vocabulary, social studies or the STEM subjects, your challenge is to help your students at all levels achieve proficiency. Doing so may feel like running a 3,000-meter steeplechase — a theoretical learning obstacle course — for both you and your students.

A steeplechase, fashioned after the equestrian event by the same name, originated in Britain as a cross-country foot race. Individuals would race from church to church toward the highest visible structures — the steeples — jumping over streams, water barriers and rock walls in the process.

For some more-engaged students, learning comes easily. Educators may stray beyond standard lesson plans to offer enhanced learning. These are the students who achieve subject mastery, clearing hurdles effortlessly. However, less-engaged students may not master learning goals as easily and need supplemental resources to help them clear their learning hurdles.

From knowing where to begin beyond the first lesson, to selecting which individualized learning tools will help students master the content, to measuring the effectiveness and results of their learning, instructors also face challenges in helping students navigate multiple learning streams, water barriers and rock walls — all to reach the highest steeple: subject mastery.

To aid in individualized learning, expand your library’s online eLearning collection to include EBSCO LearningExpress PrepSTEP™ for High Schools, a web-based resource that offers academic skill-building, standardized test preparation and more.

Walk through its seven basic learning centers — High School Success Skills, Math and Science Skills, English Language Arts Skills, Social Studies Skills, Core Computer Skills, Career Exploration, and Prepare for College — and see how each can help your students (and you!) successfully navigate the steeplechase for learning.
The first hurdle for many students is developing the skills they need to succeed in high school — such as managing time, prioritizing assignments and developing information literacy. The High School Success Skills center can help students expand their classroom and study skills so they’ll know how to win in school and beyond.

For some students, the struggle with STEM subjects is real. The Math and Science Skills center offers interactive tutorials, practice sets, and e-books to help students strengthen skills in algebra, math functions, geometry, number and quantity, probability and statistics, biology, chemistry, earth science and physics.
Hurdle #3: Breaking Down Walls to Understanding English Language Arts

Reading is a basis for learning. Students who read well may master other subjects more readily. The English Language Arts Skills center adds support in reading, writing and language skills.

Hurdle #4: Diving Through Social Studies, Not Social Media

When students hear “social,” they think “social media.” Help them take their eyes off their Facebook feeds and focus instead on the social fabric of our government institutions. A better understanding of U.S. history, world history and civics will set the stage for real social impact. The Social Studies Skills center also provides AP® and SAT Subject Tests™.
Close the digital gap and give your students the help they need in using today’s computers and technology. **Core Computer Skills** center offers self-paced online video tutorials to help students learn the fundamentals of using a computer, navigating the Internet, and mastering the most commonly used Microsoft Software applications.

**Hurdle #5:**
Climbing All Over Computer Skills

Not all high school students are destined for college. Some may opt to enter the military, go to a technical or trade school, or attend community college after high school. The **Career Exploration** center offers resources to help students build workplace skills, explore careers, take career preparation tests or prepare to enter the military (ASVAB prep).

**Hurdle #6:**
Jumping Into Career Exploration
Hurdle #7: Plotting a Path to Prepare for College

For all students, the finish line is high school graduation. For those students planning to attend college, the Prepare for College center includes tools to help them explore colleges and prepare for college admittance and placements tests.

Educator as Coach

As an educator, you were mentally clearing every hurdle along with your students. Way to go, coach! With EBSCO PrepSTEP for High Schools, we're in the race with you, supplementing learning resources for academic, career and soft-skills.

EBSCO LearningExpress PrepSTEP™ for High Schools helps educators and students clear their teaching and learning hurdles by offering a personalized learning experience. The LearningExpress 24/7 web presence makes it easy for students to access online interactive tools—such as tutorials, practice tests, DRM-free e-books, articles, flash cards and more — at their own pace and schedule.

Learn more about how EBSCO LearningExpress PrepSTEP™ for High Schools can help students clear learning hurdles, help educators provide supplemental materials, and improve engagement and achieve success in high school and beyond. Request a free trial today.

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