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Below are themes and areas of interest for publication cycles.
   1. Governance, Funding, and Control of Public Education
   2. Federal Education Policy and the Future of Public Education
   3. Federal, State, and Local Governmental Relationships
   4. Teacher Quality (e.g. hiring, assessment, evaluation, development, and compensation of teachers)
   5. School Administrator Quality (e.g. hiring, preparation, assessment, evaluation, development, and compensation of principals and other school administrators)
   6. Data and Information Systems (for both summative and formative evaluative purposes)
   7. Charter Schools and Other Alternatives to Public Schools
   8. Turning Around Low-Performing Schools and Districts
   9. Large Scale Assessment Policy and Programs
  10. Curriculum and Instruction
  11. School Reform Policies
  12. Financial Issues

Submissions
Length of manuscripts should be as follows: Research and evidence-based practice articles between 2,800 and 4,800 words; commentaries between 1,600 and 3,800 words; book and media reviews between 400 and 800 words. Articles, commentaries, book and media reviews, citations and references are to follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, latest edition. Permission to use previously copyrighted materials is the responsibility of the author, not the AASA Journal of Scholarship and Practice.
Cover page checklist:
1. title of the article:
   identify if the submission is original research, evidence-based practice, commentary, or book review
2. contributor name(s)
3. terminal degree
4. academic rank
5. department
6. college or university
7. city, state
8. telephone and fax numbers
9. e-mail address
10. 120-word abstract that conforms to APA style
11. six to eight key words that reflect the essence of the submission
12. 40-word biographical sketch

Please do not submit page numbers in headers or footers. Rather than use footnotes, it is preferred authors embed footnote content in the body of the article. Also note, APA guidelines are changed so that one space is required after the period at the end of a sentence. Articles are to be submitted to the editor by e-mail as an electronic attachment in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, 12 Font.

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Book Review Guidelines
Book review guidelines should adhere to the author guidelines as found above. The format of the book review is to include the following:

- Full title of book
- Author
- Publisher, city, state, year, # of pages, price
- Name and affiliation of reviewer
- Contact information for reviewer: address, city, state, zip code, e-mail address, telephone and fax
- Reviewer biography
- Date of submission