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Education: *an enlightening experience.* A problem of significance to me is that the educational system falls short of its definitive purpose of motivating its students, providing interesting coursework, and establishing a friendly and productive atmosphere. While I attended high school, I found that the school system primarily focused on passing everyone without discussing the material's significance. After I graduated high school, I realized that education is important since it helped me develop new academic and social skills which allowed me to progress as a well-rounded person.

While I attended high school, I witnessed teachers stressing the importance of passing their class, instead of enriching the students about the material's significance towards their future. Instead of discussing the course's content, I found that teachers spend the majority of their time either giving a speech about the importance of good grades and/or condemning mischievous conduct among the students. For instance, my Algebra teacher would always give detention to impish students everyday. As a result of the teacher's distribution of attention, I found learning the material clearly to be more challenging; therefore, I failed to understand the value of the content. Because of the learning deficit, I would frequently attend tutoring sessions before and after school. However, I couldn't engage in any meaningful conversations related to the course with my teachers during those sessions because they were more concerned with meeting the bare minimum standards rather attending to their student's academic success.

After I graduated high school and began attending community college, my experiences with academics improved. I noticed these improvements through the professors' motivational lectures, meaningful coursework, and through the friendly and productive atmosphere they provided. Because of the professors' attributes, I was able to engage in meaningful discussions with them and understand not only the course's content but also its value. For example, I would talk to the computer-science professor and receive suggestions about the assignments to assist me in overcoming the obstacles if I happened to get stuck along the way. The professor's insight sparked a passion for the subject which drove me to form study groups to address my problems and to solve them more efficiently by receiving various input from my peers. By attending college for just two years, my maturity and knowledge in courses such as computer science developed and evolved.

Throughout my high school career, my learning was hindered since I could not get sufficient help in the content I was learning. In contrast, attending a community college for two years caused me to transform my initial indifference into a passion for subjects such as computer science and math. The purpose of education is supposed to be an enlightening experience for students; however, it currently does not always meet up with its standard when high schools are concerned. However, we can change that by modeling the high school system after the college system. Doing so will help students develop new academic and social skills that will allow them to grow as a well-rounded people.