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What are the Purposes of Schools?

Every child in the United States is required to go to school, and throughout the history of education in the United States, schools have changed. Whether this change deals with what is taught, how it is taught and more, the purposes of schools seem to also be changing constantly. Everyone, whether you are a teacher or a scientist, has their own idea on what the purposes of schools are. The purpose of schools is to prepare students for life and the real world to make the future of the world the best. This purpose is achieved through the learning goals that students must complete.

One of the goals that schools have to help achieve the purpose is to improve students' communication skills. The reason that communication is a big deal is because it allows people to interact with each other. It is important for schools to help develop communication skills because students enter school at a young age and are put into classrooms with multiple other students. This is the first time, for a lot of children, that, they have to be around peers that are their age and they will be with these peers for many years. If they do not know how to communicate then they will not get along with their classmates.

There are multiple ways that schools can help teach communication. One way schools can teach communication is by having students give speeches. Many classes in schools require students to give speeches. The reason for this is because it teaches students how to communicate information to peers in a productive manner. Another way schools can teach communication is by having students work together in groups. Although many students do not like group projects, they do have a purpose, which is to help students develop communication skills. It is important for students to know how to communicate with group members.

As a math teacher, if I were teaching students to have better communication skills, I would require them to work in groups. I would put the students into groups and then assign a homework assignment for the groups to work on and complete in class. Also I would occasionally give quizzes that were partner quizzes. Another thing I would do is have students come up to the board and solve practice problems and explain what they are doing. This will help improve students' communication skills.

Another goal that schools have to help achieve the purpose is to teach students to do cooperative work. This goal is similar to communication. However, instead of just learning how to interact with other students, it focuses more on how to successfully work together with other students. This goal is important because if people do not know how to work together, nothing would get done and when students get older and get a job, it is important for them to know how to work with coworkers complete their job or task correctly.

If I were to teach students how to successfully complete cooperative work, I would require students to work in groups. I would have students pick their groups and then assign each group a section of a chapter. Then I would make the groups prepare a lesson to teach the class. This forces students to work together and would help students cooperate. If students did not cooperate then they would not teach the lesson well and it would reflect in their grade.

A third goal that schools have is to teach students time management. Time management is being able to use time effectively and productively to complete tasks. This is an important skill for students to have because it shows them how to keep a balance life. If people did not know how to manage time, then people would constantly be stressed and would waste a lot of time. Also people would not be as productive and would not get as much work done.

Schools have a huge impact on students when teaching them time management. As a teacher, I would assign homework to students and check to make sure students are completing the homework. I would also not take late assignments, unless the student talks to me about extending an assignment's due date. This seems harsh but it is an effective way to teach time management. If I did not give homework or allowed students to turn in assignments late, then students would be more lax about getting things done. This would lead to students wasting their time and would teach students how not to be efficient with their time.

Another goal that schools have is to teach students how to be accountable for their actions. For students to be accountable for their action they take responsibility of what happens to them. Schools have this idea that students are motivated by

grades and that students want to pass. This allows for schools to teach students in order to get good grades and pass, they must take action. It is not fully the schools responsibility to make sure students pass, it is also the students responsibility.

To focus on this goal, I would provide students with the material they need to know and I would make sure I am teaching the material as best as I can. I also would let students know that they can come in and ask questions if they are confused. Also before major tests in my class, I would provide a study guide or a practice test. I would not make these study guides or practice tests due, I would just provide them so that students can learn to be accountable for their actions. If they do the practice test then they can ask questions if they are confused on a problem and it will help them do well on the actual test.

A fifth goal that schools have to help achieve the purpose is to help students become good, or at least better, at things they are not good at. Since no one is good at everything, students are bound to have difficulty from time to time. Schools want to be able to help students to make their difficulties less challenging. By helping students become better at things they are not good at, it forms students to be well-rounded people. This also helps teach them how to overcome difficulties that they are and will be faced with in everyday life.

To help teach students to become better at things they are not good at, I will do my best to explain topics in multiple ways. I will teach students different ways to solve problems and let them choose which way they prefer. Also if a student comes up to me with questions, I may redirect them to their book to see if they can figure it out, which will help them become better. If I see that a student is struggling with a

topic, I may talk to the student and see what I can do to help them understand it better.

Lastly, a goal schools have is to provide basic knowledge and skills, such as reading and writing. These basic knowledge and skills help students function in the real world. If students do not learn how to read then they would not know what street signs mean and would have a hard time knowing what is happening in the world. The basic knowledge schools provide for the students is essential for students to develop who they are and what they believe. This is because with basic knowledge, students can decide what type of career they want and what interests them.

As a teacher I would make sure that I provide my students with the basic knowledge of the class I am teaching. I would make sure they know what I am teaching and why I am teaching it. I think it is important for teachers to relate the material to everyday life. It shows how important the material is and helps the students know the basic knowledge and skills they need to know to continue through everyday life.

The purpose of schools is to prepare students for life and the real world to make the future of the world the best. Schools set goals that they want teachers and students to meet to achieve the purpose. These goals are important for the purpose of schools because it breaks up the purpose into smaller bits, which make achieving the purpose easier. Overall, schools help students prepare for life and the real world.