

Title: Study finds that in America you'll make it farther in life if you're rich with poor grades than if you're poor with good grades

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### # Summary

The American Dream promises that individual talent will be rewarded, regardless of where one comes from or who one's parents are. But the reality of what transpires along America's K-12-to-career pipeline reveals a sorting of America's most talented youth by affluence—not merit. Among the affluent, a kindergartner with test scores in the bottom half has a 7 in 10 chance of reaching high SES among his or her peers as a young adult, while a disadvantaged kindergartner with top-half test scores only has a 3 in 10 chance.

SES means Socioeconomic Status.

**\*\*Resource (most bottom section)\*\***

In America, it's better to be born rich than smart. The most talented disadvantaged children have a lower chance of academic and early career success than the least talented affluent children.