

Should life skills be taught in K12 school?

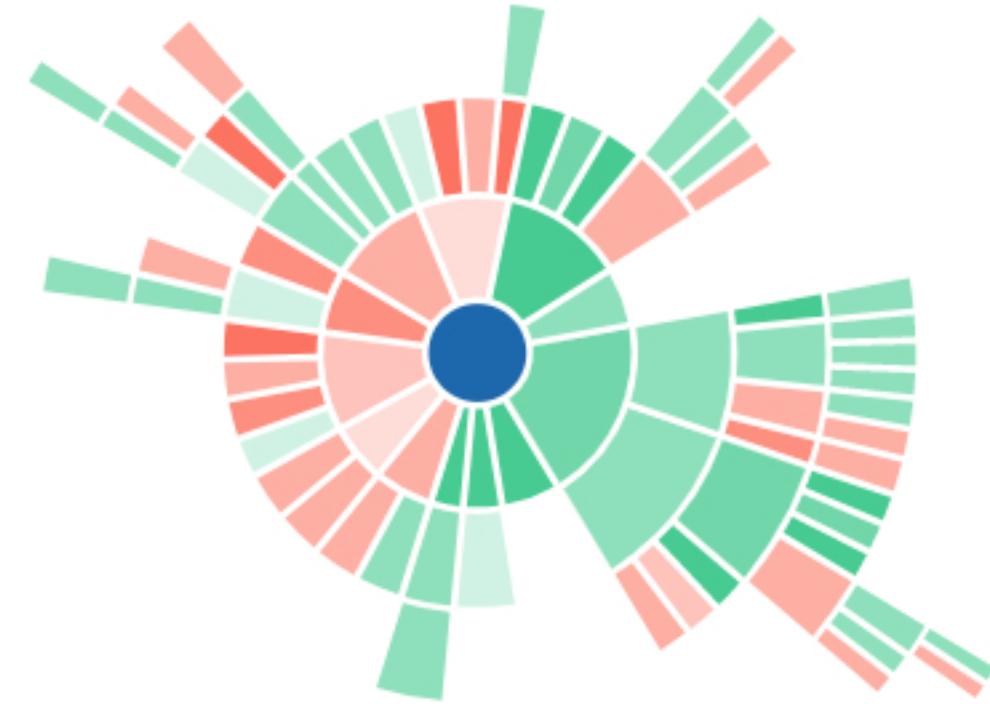
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Background

'Life skills' is a term that refers to the skills needed to successfully navigate adult life. The skills that are useful will vary from person to person depending on factors such as circumstance and culture. The World Health Organization lists six key groupings of life skills: communication and interpersonal skills, decision making and problem solving, creative thinking and critical thinking, self awareness and empathy, assertiveness and self-control, and resilience. This debate asks whether life skills should be taught in school. Many feel that current schooling lacks practical learning that would help students in their adult lives.

A Life Skills class, or curriculum, could cover topics such as citizenship: politics, voting, taxes etc., home-making: cooking, cleaning, budgeting, self care: diet, exercise, hygiene, and other ingredients that many adults feel are key to their success in work and other aspects of their later life. In some special educational settings, e.g. schools for students with intellectual disabilities, and centres for at-risk young people, specific focus is placed on life skill development, with classes and exercises designed to ensure that the student will be able to use these skills outside the classroom. Some argue that because the skills we need in life vary from person to person, it would be a waste for schools to spend valuable teaching time on skills that may or may not be of any value to the students. Some believe that life skills are not within the school's remit, that teaching children how to survive and to thrive in life is the job of their parents or guardians. This debate looks to find out how we can best prepare the next generations of adults to become happy, healthy and productive members of society.

Discussion Topology



Tags

Education School Children Learning

Participants	Claims	Contributions	Votes
Saphira	21	52	0
vegforlife	20	163	4
PettePatriot	5	6	0
MaximV	4	6	1
Skills88	2	26	1
admiralruby	2	3	0
suotikeri	1	3	32
shutup	1	3	0
AllisonV	1	1	4
FaiYuin	1	1	0
Syon	1	1	0
humanformofthepoliticalcompass	1	1	0
GenerationV_Teen-Cast	1	1	0
brianhatano	1	1	0
kangsa75	1	1	0
wasabified	0	5	0
Petunia	0	2	0
Selaphiel	0	1	3
CSOB	0	1	0
philosophia	0	1	0
toosoo	0	1	0
JoyKnight	0	1	0
rodrigob	0	1	0
13cashes31	0	0	3
NoFreeWillMurad	0	0	3
HosseinMalekSaba	0	0	2
Hammer001	0	0	1
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