

Life skills should be taught in school.

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Life skills-like personal finance- should be taught in school
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Just to clarify, do you mean in addition to the current curriculum, or to replace it? This isn't clear from the info you provided or the thesis. thank!

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@reply you bring up good points and questions. I'd like how to answer them, as I don't have the capacity these days to create a well-thought out discussion. I would say both, what would you say? Would you like to become editor/admin after figuring this discussion out?

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I mean, "both" doesn't really work. You either replace the current subjects, or add to them. Unless you mean replace SOME - but that's tricky to discuss. Thanks for asking about editing/admin. I'm not sure I would be able to figure this out though. Just passing by and was wondering.

wasstuffed142
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@wasstuffed we could say replace some subjects. If what is taught is valuable enough, then it could be an addition. That's why I would say both. But I'll choose one, as the former. So I added the first paragraph in the intro to help people out.

You (8.8k) · 2y · edited 2y

Hey! :) Don't forget the period here.

philosophia (2.8k)
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You (8.8k) · 1y

@philosophia good save :). I think people are starting to get into this discussion now

You (8.8k) · 1y

@reply There are two 'shoulds' in the title

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Pros Cons

Divorcing "academic skills" from "life skills" removes integrity from instruction and risks teaching kids that academics are enough, or worse, that good grades can replace good ethics.

Children spend a lot of their waking time at school so we owe them a proper education not a mere stuffing of facts and processes. So yes, life skills should be taught at school, but other sources should complement that learning too.

Many parents are too busy to fully cover teaching their children the life skills they will need in later life. For working parents, parents with children who have additional needs, parents with elderly relatives to care for etc. they may not have enough time to supplement the education received in school.

People will feel more motivated to learn and be engaged if they can apply it later on.

While many think parents should have an active role in teaching their child skills and values, the education system should involve students receiving information and decision-making skills needed to become good, respectful, responsible citizens.

Life skills set a person up for the rest of their lives.

Some parents do not teach their children life skills, so having a life skills course would require students to learn important practical skills.

Teaching kids to succeed in life is the original reason why school was made.

Expecting to throw a child into a world of millions of possibilities without the least of assistance or advice to help them along the way does not make sense. Teaching life skills in school will help with that.

Children need to be aware of and prepared for the world into which they will enter once they've left school. Communication skills and attitude are among two of the most important skills to teach in school.

Life skills would help them be productive and contributing citizens too.

There is no proper method to "test" the learning and effectiveness of life skills in students.

The purpose of grades K-12 is to gain an education, not teach certain life skills.

When individuals face the real world, they will be taught life skills "in-vivo". School cannot replicate, only prepare, for that environment.

Revamping the education system would be more hassle than it is worth to put in relevant courses.

Life skills may not be one-size-fits-all, so people could still end up learning something that they cannot use later in life.

Parents have a moral responsibility to teach their children practical life skills, as most can be taught by parents anyway. Schools have it busy enough educating children on more theoretical and cognitive areas.

People eventually get life skills courses when they pursue higher education past K 12.

"Life skills" are different for each person based on profession - so it's too diverse to teach in school to have an impact.

Life skills could replace the courses currently taught, which would lead to students missing out on classes they should be learning instead.

Teaching life skills in school would be ineffective, and thus useless and wasteful.

Students may not understand the usefulness of the subject at that age and may not show interest, rendering the subject pointless for them.

Classes for life skills would eventually turn into another textbook course (and additional burden for students) and would prove ineffective if the students themselves are not interested in the subject.

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