

What is More Important than Academic Success?

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It has been well accepted that academics play a vital role in one's life. It can be seen when we structure our CV's, how many people state their academic qualifications first? How many have skills first? Commonly, the former always appears first rather than the latter. As much as academics is prioritized, we should not forget that there are other important skills that need to be instilled and acquired by today's generation. Here, we will probe the depth of social and emotional skills and the wisdom of academics.

To begin with, social skills are vital for communication. Many students are-

not fully aware of these skills particularly when they work with classmates for group work. Specifically, students need to be trained as to get along with others, to read social cues as to communicate effectively and to handle conflict resolution strategies whenever in disagreement situations. If students are not well-trained for these skills it will impede the pathway to success in their career. For instance, when they are at the workplace and will be surrounded with different kinds of behavior; these skills are crucial to successfully convey the message to other co-workers. This is also to avoid miscommunication in a case that others have misinterpreted the message. Additionally, during class instructions and assignments, learners are supposed to be taught on the organizational skills as such to start the task given immediately, manage time well, prepare a schedule and use effective study strategies to endure the challenges in study. Thus, this shows that students need to strengthen themselves with effective social skills.



In addition, many people deal with an emotional roller coaster everyday . In communicating with people, those who have strong self-awareness and know how to effectively manage their emotions are able to deal with ups and downs in communication. Emotions are not only putting sympathy on others' situation but also to be empathized which is quite challenging to some people as humans are used to not meddling into others' businesses. However, being sympathetic and empathic are the principal to find conflict resolution and educate the students in decision-making skills which are crucial in instilling the values of leadership. To fairly lay in mind as some educators might feel that there is always not enough time to guide the students for social emotional learning. Nevertheless, educators can prepare appropriate tasks which are able to enhance their creativity to work with others with the combination of social and emotional skills.

Hence, not to put behind the importance of academics in which the qualifications apparently will complete the learners' physically and mentally. It is undeniable that the academic qualifications play a vital role not only to get excellent results but it also teaches the learners some goals in life. Striving academically is important as it will lead the learners to find the correct path in life of knowing what they want to do and what they want to achieve after they finished studying. Thus, academic achievements are imperative for the learners in setting up their goals and to have the ultimate purpose in life.

To conclude, the mindset of embracing only academic achievements needs to be altered and to be composed of social and emotional skills. The educators must not let academic achievements take the center stage in learning; thus, they should guide the learners to socialize effectively and be responsive enough in whatever tasks given to them. Emotional skills on the other hand will guide them to be competent in handling any complex situations as they will have to get themselves ready to deal with people from all walks of life once they enter their working-world.

