

## Is it better for school curriculums to emphasize competition or cooperation?

In my opinion, it is better for schools to emphasize cooperation rather than competition. At the present time, we are faced with an increasingly competitive social environment. Cooperation is a more important skill for future generations. Please allow me to elaborate my opinion.

As we enter the digital age, it is increasingly common to put our private lives on display to the outside world via social media. Users have the ability to filter their feed, creating the impression that they have many strengths and talents. Consequently, the general public tends to perceive others as leading an ideal lifestyle. As you can see, competition is becoming a driving force in our everyday lives.

Humans are innately competitive, whereas cooperation is learned. Competition is seen as a survival mechanism in many species including humans. If schools were to teach cooperation, they would also be teaching other core values such as compassion and empathy. With our world becoming increasingly fragile and dependent on our coexisting, competition would only speed up the destruction of our planet. We need to unite for the better good of our planet.

Furthermore, cooperation is seen as an essential trait in the workforce. It is the duty of the educational system to prepare students for entering the workforce. If asked about what kind of coworker you would want to work with, most people would reply that they'd want to work with a kind, considerate, compassionate coworker. Competition in the workforce can create hostility and frustration.

Cooperation is a valued skill that is arguably a greater asset than competition. Competition is said to be an innate biological trait whereas cooperation is a higher learned skill. Therefore I strongly believe that schools should emphasize cooperation rather than competition.

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