

Rediscovering Education through Personal Growth

When it comes to [motivation for kids in school](#), most schools fall dreadfully short. Many teachers, particularly in crowded high schools, will focus on moving through course material and leave motivation to students and their families. If you have a son who is becoming increasingly alienated from learning, it is time for you to take action. This is why more and more parents are considering alternatives to public school for their sons.

What Is the Problem With Modern Education?

Most schools are designed to teach children straight facts, and while having a solid background in a certain discipline is important, the children and teens are not being taught to learn. When you ask your teenage son why he is studying, chances are good that he will answer “to get a good grade on this test” rather than “to learn more about the subject.” This, in a nutshell, is the problem with education as offered by most schools.

What Does the Common Approach to Education Do to Children and Teens?

Essentially, modern schooling removes the drive to learn about a subject. Instead, it turns the children into skilled test takers. Instead of thinking about a certain subject and their mastery of it, they think about how they can get an A or how they can pass the class. This leads to a very cursory study of the subjects that are presented to them, and in many cases, that knowledge is completely forgotten as soon as the test and the need for the information is over.

What Role Does Relevance Play?

When teachers are looking for inspiration or motivation for students, their lessons need to be relevant to the students' lives. For example, when a child or teen knows that he needs to get an A, that is the only point where the subject touches his life. On the other hand, when a skilled teacher or school makes the work relevant to who he is and what he does, he will carry that information with him throughout his life.

What Role Does Personal Growth Play?

As we mentioned before, schools commonly turn children into test takers, not into clear thinkers or scholars. To really drive a teen to excel, a good school will wrap personal growth into the lesson. The teen will push himself forward and as he learns, he will learn about himself and his capabilities as well.