

THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM



HIDDEN WITHIN EDUCATION



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WHAT IS THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM?

"HIDDEN CURRICULUM REFERS TO THE UNWRITTEN, UNOFFICIAL, AND OFTEN UNINTENDED LESSONS, VALUES, AND PERSPECTIVES THAT STUDENTS LEARN IN SCHOOL." P1 (2015)

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THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM EDUCATES OUR CHILDREN IN WAYS THAT THE OFFICIAL CURRICULUM DOES NOT. WE CAN FIND THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM IN MANY ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE. SUCH AS;

1. SCHOOL RULES
2. AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
3. LUNCH TIME CLUBS
4. TIMETABLES
5. SPORTS

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OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL WITHIN SCHOOL EVERY LESSON, BOTH TAUGHT OFFICIALLY AND AS PART OF THE "HIDDEN CURRICULUM" ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE PUPILS EDUCATION. WHERE THE MAINSTREAM OFFICIAL SUBJECTS GIVE YOU THE KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO GAIN A JOB. THE UNOFFICIAL "HIDDEN CURRICULUM" PROVIDED'S YOU WITH TO ABILITY TO FUNCTION AND SOCIALIZE WITHIN SOCIETY.



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"AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM IS THE WAY IN WHICH SOCIAL RELATIONS ARE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE SCHOOL SETTING." P26 (1990)

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WHEN DOES THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM START?

THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM STARTS EARLY IN OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO FORM OPINIONS AND IDEAS ABOUT THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR CLASSMATES. THE STUDENTS LEARN THE CORRECT MANNER ON HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH FELLOW STUDENTS AND TEACHING STAFF.

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SCHOOL CLUB'S

THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM CAN OFTEN BE FOUND IN PLACES WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT. SCHOOL CLUBS OFFER INDIVIDUALS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALIZE WITH OTHER PUPILS, WITHIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. THESE CLUBS PROVIDE A STRONG FOUNDATION WHERE PUPILS ARE ABLE TO FORM FRIENDSHIPS AND BONDS THAT WILL LAST THROUGHOUT THEIR SCHOOL LIVES. EACH INDIVIDUAL CLUB CAN PROVIDE PUPILS WITH DIFFERENT LESSONS. FOR EXAMPLE, GAMES CLUBS AND SPORTS CLUBS ALLOWS PUPILS TO LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF RULES, TEAM WORK AND COMMUNICATION. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE PUPILS LEARN THESE SKILLS TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION WITHIN THE WORLD OF WORK. ALSO, CLUBS THAT CATER TO THE PUPILS WORK (HOMEWORK CLUB) TEACHES THE INDIVIDUAL THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIORITISING WORK OVER OTHER SOCIAL ASPECTS IN THEIR LIVES.

HOWEVER, ALL THE SKILLS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE NOT TAUGHT IN THE MODERN CURRICULUM, THEY ARE PART OF THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM.

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SCHOOL TIMETABLES AND RULES

BOTH SCHOOL RULES AND TIMETABLES ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE PUPILS AND THE RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL. THE PUPIL'S TIMETABLE TEACHES THEM PUNCTUALITY AND ROUTINE. THIS LESSON PROVIDES THEM WITH THE EXPERIENCE NEEDED TO ATTEND WORK AND APPOINTMENTS ON TIME.

RULES ARE PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON OF THE HIDDEN CURRICULUM. THE MODERN SOCIETY FUNCTIONS ON RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT MUST BE ABIDED BY.

TEACHING THE PUPILS THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING SCHOOL RULES, ALLOWS THEM TO GRADUATE COMFORTABLY INTO THE WIDER WORLD.

