

My Education! My Way

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My education means the world to me, how I do in High School will determine my future and how my life will be. Having a high GPA is crucial for me because I want to get into a nice college to become a pediatric nurse. This road has not always been easy, but the district makes it hard for kids to want to learn. Now it's just about passing the class and not actually learning the topic.

If teachers would actually focus their curriculum towards students, we will be more likely to participate and engage. For example history, why when discussing African Americans we start with slavery? Instead of how life was really like in Africa and other countries in the world. How come we don't hear how my ancestors paved the way for a lot of scientist and mathematicians. A lot the math formulas and chemical bonds were discovered by African Americans thousands of years ago but caucasians take over and claim everything. Most kids won't even know this because their history teachers want to serve us watered down version of history. Because they know knowledge is power, and if we know better we will do better! They want to keep African American students at the bottom of the barrel, giving us unjust referrals, suspension and constant reminders to be quiet. As if we can't express ourselves and if we show our creativity we get punished, it is in our nature to be free spirited & talkative.

English as well, why don't we ever read African-American literature, but read the odyssey and romeo and juliet because they are classics right? But so is Black Nativity and the Watson's go to Birmingham. Those are books I had to read on my own, and I'm not a big fan of reading but if the topic is intriguing I enjoy reading. Black poetry is so powerful and tells a story that most writers can't get across. Why do we not get the equal opportunity? Why?

I am already at a disadvantage I am a woman and I am black, I have to work 10 times hard than becky with the good hair. I'm always told I need to watch my tone, why when a black woman voices her opinion she is the "angry black woman" or intimidating. I get it in the work force but at school too? Oh no, I will not stand for that. This is time for change we are smart, incredible and powerful individuals, it's time to have a better education system it is 2017 for crying out loud. Why do we not have home economic classes anymore, required college ready programs, tips on how to succeed in college and in life. Let's make a change for the children!