

Some people think that schools should select students according to their academic abilities. Others believe that it is better to have students with different abilities studying together. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

The education system plays an active role to create an atmosphere in which young talents could flourish. To reach this aim some schools stream pupils to increase their efficiency. Although it has some advantages both for student and teachers, I would argue that a mixed ability class assist student's all-around development.

Some schools, especially top-rated ones, design some entrance exams and stream pupils according to their academic knowledge. The advocates of this idea believe that it helps both the teachers and students, because there will be a uniformity of skills in a classroom so that it is easier for teachers to provide conditions for effective learning. In addition, there might be less disruption in the higher class and teachers can challenge students with more advanced lessons and exercises. The students with a slower learning pace are not made to feel inadequate because the contents of the curriculum were tailored to meet their needs, and they will not leave-fall behind.

Apart from the benefits there might be some negative consequences. Firstly, students of the lower class may be stigmatized and as a result of that become less motivated to study more and develop. Secondly, students do not practice helping their peers with lower academic levels and just contribute their time to competition. Thirdly, there will be less opportunity for students with lower academic qualifications to communicate with more successful ones and learn their method of studying. In my opinion, by being in a mixed ability class children are exposed to a situation in which they can understand the fact that people have different abilities and they have to respect them, in other words it improves their social abilities.

In conclusion, although separating the students in different classes based on their academic qualifications is so beneficiary, it makes students one dimensional persons who are isolated from others and participate in a study plan to improve their performances.