

The purpose of school is to create interactive citizens who can engage and understand social, academic and societal relationships and issues.

After interviewing seven people with diverse and unique experiences to back up opinions on school, I have come to a few conclusions on the purpose of school, and how that purpose has shifted and grown over generations. On a basic level, the purpose of school is to provide the new generations to come with the knowledge and skills they need to develop and sustain society. With educated citizens and the young minds of today, society can continue on with people to run our governments, our stores, our schools, hospitals, churches, farms, etc. after being taught through the education systems. In elementary school students are supposed to learn the basic social and emotional skills that they need in high school and later on in life. In high school students are supposed to learn the skills they need to go further in life with careers and communication through various avenues. The purpose of school is to push kids through this system with the hope that everyone will be able to develop these skills and become white collar workers who have degrees and can pay taxes (Lee, Lau). However, the idea that this process of standardized education works for every student who passes through the system is part of the reason that the purpose of school can be defined in many different ways by each separate person you ask. Some people will say the purpose is to give everyone the tools they need to succeed in life and society, and others may say that it's to push kids through a system to ensure that the government can create more tax payers to uphold the capitalist economy that we have today. Or, you could take the purpose that the school system itself gives you, to teach the future of our planet the core competencies. Based on the people I've talked to, school's purpose comes back to one thing, the future. The only job we need to do now is figure out how to get everyone there, including all those who the current system doesn't work for. People who have the potential to be left behind career wise, because of the way learning is taught and evaluating students potential is done.

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