

Don't Expel Them

In the U.S. students are taught not to copy other students' homework or to look at another student's test. If they do get caught in these acts of cheating, they will most definitely fail the assignment. In worse cases, students can be kicked out of school for cheating. Students who cheat on assignments or tests should not be expelled from school.

First, students who cheat should be given a chance to learn from their mistakes. Everyone makes mistakes. Humans are not perfect and go through their whole lives making mistakes. Even the Pope has to apologize sometimes. School is a place for learning. Teachers are not only responsible for teaching their subject material. They are also responsible for teaching students how to be good people. It's important that they teach life lessons because students spend most of their day in the classroom. If students learn a lesson, they won't repeat the mistake. Expelling students without teaching them a lesson makes it likely that they will cheat again. They have developed a bad habit and have not learned any other way of getting by. It would be better to teach them a lesson.

Another reason is that getting expelled will ruin the student's life. He may have trouble getting into another school. This could result in his not being able to graduate or get a degree since other schools will not want to accept him. The student could also have trouble getting a job. If a person isn't able to get a degree, he can't get a good-paying job. If he continues cheating throughout life because he didn't learn the lesson not to, he may cheat in his work too, making employers not want to hire him. A person who is expelled from school will probably have other problems too. His self-worth will suffer, and he will see

himself as a failure. As a result, he may have trouble in relationships or have emotional problems. It is not worth ruining someone's life for making a mistake.

Finally, the seriousness of cheating is not the same in all cultures.

Americans value individualism and honesty. Children are taught from a young age to work hard and do their own work. Even though some American children still cheat in school, it's a very embarrassing and shameful thing to be caught cheating. That makes most American students not interested in cheating. Not all cultures share this attitude about cheating. In some countries, students are taught to help each other and not to be too proud. It's common for classmates to share answers with each other and not get in trouble for it. It's not fair to punish students from other countries when they cheat in American classrooms. They may not know the American value of doing one's own work, or they may not even be aware of it. Because there are different views on cheating, students should not be expelled for making this mistake.

In conclusion, expelling a student for making a mistake in class doesn't help the student learn. It only leads to more problems in the student's life. Instead of expulsion, students should be taught the correct way to do their assignments and encouraged to value the reward of doing their own work.

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