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Editorial

Should Students Be Able To Grade Teachers?

Some people firmly believe in student-teacher grading. That is just impractical.

There would be much less teachers because of this. It would be hard for kids to get a solid education. Even if they did find a good school, they would be hard pressed to find and get a good job. This policy comes with unspeakable repercussions. Students should not be able to grade their teachers because children are not mature enough, teachers would focus on being liked instead of educating, and it would teach kids that they don't need to respect teachers.

Students should not be able to grade teachers because, kids are not mature enough, and won't grade fairly. Children don't understand the importance of homework, and often, if not always, despise it. They haven't yet come to understand just how vital it is for their success, and fundamental comprehension of the material covered in class. Basically, they will always complain that they have too much. Remember those times as a child when your friend would run up to you in the hallway saying that they got in trouble for no reason? Then, you come to find out that they were talking out of turn, or calling out? A child's perception of what happens most of the time is highly inaccurate. Kids lack the maturity.

If students were to grade their teachers, the teachers would try to be liked, not help them learn. Teachers would do anything to keep their jobs. They would give out less homework, make less tests, and make things easier for kids. This really hurts kids in the long run. Most would get held back because they need to catch up on the material they missed from the teachers that simplified it and didn't cover everything. Teachers would let kids do what they want, for fear of getting graded poorly. Which creates a dangerous environment for students, and potentially teachers. Students could easily hurt themselves, tripping over things and playing far too rough. Objects could get thrown and teachers could get severely injured. That means teachers would have to be on leave to recover, and not teach.

Students should not be able to grade their teachers because, it tells kids that they have power over them. It teaches them that they don't have to respect authority. They would never behave because the teachers would give up on enforcing the rules. Even if some teachers tried to, the kids know that they can get them fired so they would never listen. Kids need an authority figure, they need direction, and when they have power over them, the authority is gone. They simply lose respect. We can't let that happen.

Some say that grading teachers gives kids a voice. Although, situations like those make up a very small percentage of cases. How many times have you seen stories about horrible teachers on the news? Very, very few, I bet. The student teacher grading policy does more harm than good. Most kids would just abuse the power and take advantage of it. Plus, if there was a bad teacher, parents could complain, and the school would take care of it. Student teacher

grading isn't needed.

At the end of the day, students grading their teachers is a recipe for disaster. We can all agree that student teacher grading does more harm than good because, kids don't have the maturity and understanding to handle that kind of responsibility, it causes teachers to try to be approved and emphasize approval over educating, and it causes kids to do whatever they want due to lack of rule enforcement, and misplaced emphasis of authority (as in making it seem like the kids are in charge, not the teachers). We need to take a stand, and prevent this idea from manifesting.