

Single-Gender Classroom

When you imagine a typical classroom, what do you see? You probably picture a class in which girls and boys participate 1._____ and get equal 2._____ from the teacher. Unfortunately, this belief is often a 3._____. Studies have shown that many teachers are 4._____ to discover that they often 5._____ the boys. As a result, it was 6._____ that single-gender classrooms could correct this 7._____.

In 1999, Jefferson Leadership Academies became the first public middle school in the USA to have single-gender classrooms. The change was motivated in part by research 8._____ showing that girls did better in math and science when they learned in separate classrooms. When asked about the results of the experiment during its first year, the school principal replied that there was already evidence of 9._____ change:

- Both boys and girls 10 _____ more attention to their studies.
- The boys no longer felt they had to 11 _____ to impress the girls.
- The girls no longer felt a need to 12 _____.
- The girls 13 _____ more to the lesson when it wasn't 14 _____ by the boys.