



CHARACTER EDUCATION

There has been a lot of talk lately about the importance of teaching values in the classroom. Values are characteristics such as honesty, kindness, hard work, and integrity. The classroom should not be responsible to make sure these ideas are taught. Schools should support these values, but they should not be held responsible to teach them. It is up to the parents to decide what values should be taught. This is the parent's job and right.

One reason is that the schools do not have time to teach all of the necessary values. Teachers barely have enough time to teach the subjects and topics they are already responsible for teaching. How would the schools decide which values to teach? There would be teachers who disagree with parents on what to teach.

Another reason is that there isn't enough money to take on this job. School budgets are already stretched too thin. Schools do not have the resources to teach values adequately. Students need consistent modeling and instruction on these life skills. Let the schools support these values but focus on the curriculum.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. People who agree with this passage probably feel that . . .
 - a. parents should take more responsibility in teaching their children.
 - b. schools need more responsibilities.
 - c. schools have enough money to teach values.
 - d. teachers should receive more training and instruction.
2. The main question this passage asks is . . .
 - a. When did values begin being taught in schools?
 - b. Why doesn't the school teach values?
 - c. Who should be responsible to teach values?
 - d. If the school doesn't teach the values, how will students be taught?
3. _____ is an example of a value.

a. Aggression	c. Courage
b. Passiveness	d. Disagreement
4. Which of the following statements is not a reason why schools shouldn't be responsible for teaching values?
 - a. Schools do not have enough teachers to teach values.
 - b. Parents and teachers would disagree on which values should be taught.
 - c. Schools are not aware of what values are.
 - d. Schools do not have time or money to be responsible for teaching values.