

Should boys and girls attend separate schools?

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I would venture to say that boys and girls should attend separate schools.

They can focus better, thereby learning and accomplishing more, when they are separated. Having boys and girls learning together creates a lot of friction and dynamics that cause distractions which impede learning. Opposite genders hardly ever feel as neutral and comfortable than with same gender. There is more likelihood for shyness, competition, showing off, trouble making, talking in class, skipping class, flirting and fighting when they attend the same schools. Since males and females think differently, learning can be more productive when the coursework can be structured to teaching and learning in the format most suitable for that specific gender's strengths, weaknesses, and learning styles. Students can focus better on the task at hand, team up on projects, understand one another, study and learn more effectively, and form better friendships when they are with the same gender.

There is less likelihood of crime, drugs and fighting when genders are kept separate, since often, they start as a result of showing off, trying to look cool or outdo one another in front of the opposite gender, or fights over a specific 'crush'.

The coursework, activities and school outings can be better paced to that gender's level, especially since spatial task performance, math calculation and reasoning and language acquisition happen at different rates among males and females, and they have very different personalities, characteristics, and tendencies. Having same sex peer groups is crucial. This contributes to feelings of belonging and better self esteem and overall performance. I think I would tend to endorse having separate school for boys and girls, so that each one's needs can be catered to, and each can grow to their fullest potential without unnecessary impediments.