
Subject: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 14:36:38 GMT

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My school has a policy in place stating that any student that misses 10 or more classes per semester can be dropped from that specific class that the student has 10 or more absences and if the teacher deems it necessary. So, okay, that really isn't a problem I guess, even though some people do get sick a lot and will end up missing more than 10 days of school a semseter... Here's where it gets interesting. This week the Freshmen and Sophomores are taking the CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) where the Juniors and Seniors only have to be present for 2 classes each day for the whole week. For certain students like me who have most or all of their credits, or have a lot of partial absences, having to go to school for 2 hours to do absolutely nothing is pretty pointless. Never-the-less, here's what happened. I had my mother call me out of school for the rest of the week since I confirmed from all my teachers that I wouldn't be doing anything, and yet a problem arose. According to our assistant principle, our school now has a "new" policy that states a student cannot have more than 5 absences per class. My problem is that the administration of our school never notified ANYONE about this new policy, and I am skeptical that it even exists. I don't have a problem with going to school, what I have a problem with is when our school makes a "new" policy and does not notify the students when it is the STUDENTS THAT IT EFFECTS.

So, do you think they are in the right or wrong with this? Is it illegal for them to do this sort of thing?

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 14:45:06 GMT

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You can always try to take it to the school board.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 15:04:55 GMT

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I may do that, but first I am going to take it to our actual principle. Unfortunately, the bad part is that our school board members are really closed minded and rude. Our school is the least funded in our state and the most poor (yet, the best rated school) and the school board usually won't do anything to try and better our school if the idea's/comments come from a student or parent. They are rude when it comes to a student or parent bringing up a problem with a school's administration too.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 15:20:02 GMT

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You know what would fix this? Instead of forcing kids to go to certain schools (except private, of course), we give parents "vouchers" to send their kids wherever the hell they want whether it be private or public. This way, we create a competitive market for your education. Now I know "competition" between schools sounds like the kids would miss out, but hear me out. When business have to compete against each other, prices drop and quality improves. This is a result of Capitalism. If we apply the same Capitalistic principles to schools, we can only expect schools to improve curriculum and environment and lower the frivolous spending of schools.

How does this apply to your situation? Schools won't be able to make up stupid policies (private or public) without approval else they may lose students. In a free market (Capitalist) society, competition and the demand side of the market forces the supply side to play to their consumers rather than to their own pockets.

Yeah, I know, it's brilliant. You can thank Neal Boortz for putting it into his latest book.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 15:25:36 GMT

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I would love it if I/my parents could choose my own school. I personally hate the public education system because of the fact that students can't behave, are morally and mentally disabled and very disrespectful to everyone around them. I would love to go to a private school or be home schooled where I can have a better environment.

I agree with your statement that it would create better quality school's. Especially if the school's didn't want to lose students. School loses students, less need for more teachers, teachers get fired, less quality education/schooling. It makes perfect sense. Having said that a student/parent should be able to choose their own school, if that was the case, it would probably filter out a lot of the students who don't care and make the school system horrible.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 15:34:45 GMT

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At first, I thought that I could send my kids to a public school, but after reading Neal Boortz's last book, I've decided that I cannot do that. There is too much liberal indoctrination, too little desire to increase America's collective IQ, and so much more that I cannot allow to happen to my kids unless my public schools are of high quality thanks to competition.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 15:40:25 GMT

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I want to join in!

Seriously -

in the UK, schools can be summed up in Dave Anderson's wonderful "students can't behave, are morally and mentally disabled and very disrespectful to everyone around them."

However, I have been to a private school (because of this, and my dad's salary :S) and it was much the same, only they could kick the pupils out if it was really bad.

I also think that j_ball's comment on having schools "compete" is very good, we have something similar already here in the UK - school league tables, whereby schools are ranked based on academic performance. It's a good idea, but it generally results in this:

- 1: School does well, and gets to top of league table
- 2: Said School then has massive influx of new pupils because it's good
- 3: Said school struggles under the student load and begins to perform badly
- 4: School sinks to base of league table, and stays there

Yay.

P.s - Ever noticed that almost everyone on the internet appears to have the same experience at school?

Subject: Re: A school's pathetic "policy".
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 17:48:07 GMT
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I don't get it. If you had a voucher to send your kid anywhere, wouldn't everyone send their kid to the best school? Also, what is the incentive for a school to compete for more students?

Subject: Re: A school's pathetic "policy".
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 18:19:35 GMT
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mrpirate wrote on Tue, 13 March 2007 13:48 I don't get it. If you had a voucher to send your kid anywhere, wouldn't everyone send their kid to the best school? Also, what is the incentive for a school to compete for more students?

The better schools are going to get the children, and other schools are going to have to shape up to get the students back and keep the ones they have. What's in it for the schools? Uhh, revenues? Jobs?

Might help if I explain the "voucher" idea a little more. You still pay your taxes, but then the government gives parents say \$9000 if that's what they're paying per child at public schools. The parents then take that \$9000 and then choose what school's best for their child. The schools need

funds to survive, so they'd have to improve the curriculum and environment.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 20:10:08 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Tue, 13 March 2007 10:48Also, what is the incentive for a school to compete for more students?

Better government funding.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [jnz](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 20:58:26 GMT

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you think you have it bad. in our school, if we are late(10 mins) / no in 10 times for no reason. your parents get a £100 fine, and could go to prison. we personally are not told about ANYTHING, letters and phone calls to our parents is what they think is best. schools don't work like businesses anyway, they get more money and the head teacher gets sacked if grades start to fall.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 23:11:55 GMT

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OK brilliant so schools in poor areas lose students and have funding cut even further, leaving the poor who cannot afford to travel a large distance to get to school are stuck with a failing school that would likely get shut down.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 23:17:57 GMT

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I see no issue with that. People with more money have more and nicer things. That's how the world works. Don't forget that every parent gets the same amount of money in their voucher for their kids.

Also, the schools you would have to choose from would be in a certain district, so it's not as if the family could send the kid that far away.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 00:34:26 GMT

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Seems like it would lead to the minority of successful schools expanding in greatly in size while the rest are run out of business. If a school starts to lose students (and money) it would be required to perform better with less money? Doesn't sound like a recipe for success to me.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 00:39:32 GMT

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Quote:If a school starts to lose students (and money) it would be required to perform better with less money? Doesn't sound like a recipe for success to me.

Think of it this way. If the teachers realized that they were about to lose their jobs, they would strive to do a better job, hence, a better learning environment, better school ratings, more students coming back in. Of course you can't say it would work like that for sure, but that's the general idea.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 00:47:59 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Tue, 13 March 2007 20:34Seems like it would lead to the minority of successful schools expanding in greatly in size while the rest are run out of business. If a school starts to lose students (and money) it would be required to perform better with less money? Doesn't sound like a recipe for success to me.

It's called Capitalism, and it works.

You're forced to take into consideration what's important. You are forced to stop with the careless spending, and your effort has to go up. There's always room for improvement, and that's what Capitalism supports.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 01:44:19 GMT

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Yeah capitalism works, but doesn't it tend towards a small number of successful businesses (schools)?

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 02:07:53 GMT

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Sure, it will. However, the ones that are left will be much more equipped to handle their students and provide them with a better education than no competition provided.

At first, most students will probably stay at their current schools to finish high school. At least, the upperclassmen. During those transition years, the schools should, theoretically, have time to start building a better curriculum, so when it really matters, the schools will be improving.

At least, that's what I picture.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 02:19:52 GMT
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I guess schools would end up being like junior universities.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 07:38:54 GMT
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Here in Belgium, education is (supposed to be?) free until 18 years (and is also obligatory). OK, not 100 % but until 18 years u can do with only paying for your books, school trips, ...

What counts most in the choice for a school here is where it's situated. Ain't gonna drive 50 km if u can do with 10.

All teachers, ... are paid by the state who finances the schools as well (finances them quite badly if u may believe them but still does).

Then again, we also have a social security network, ...

Welcome to Europe . Where taxes on jobs are between 40 and 60 %.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 14:07:10 GMT
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Well, yeah, the schools would be paid by the government. It's just that the parents would decide which schools get the money and students.

Also, that much tax on income brackets... eww.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 11:52:29 GMT
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meh, I was good with my High School. But mine wasn't exactly what you'd call a poor area by any means either. Grandville was very well equipped, and most teachers were competant enough to teach(don't think I had one that wasn't). Not sure if competition between schools is the answer, but it would be an interesting experiment at the very least.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 15:50:21 GMT
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Tell that to my parents who were in full support of this when it was introduced a few years ago.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 20 Mar 2007 23:11:10 GMT
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All public schools are a freaking joke.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Wed, 21 Mar 2007 16:11:52 GMT
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U think all this is crazy u should see whats going on with my school they were planing on rebuilding it (since it was built in 1910 or something like that) and now they put it off because one person didn't want to do it they just wanted to move it but (i think it was like 6 votes for it to 4 or 5 against it i think) the problem is there that a property for it wont be avabile for 7-10 years, and anyways there gonna have another meeting next week i think.
now tell me thats not screwed up

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 21 Mar 2007 21:30:07 GMT
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Your school cut grammar out of the curriculum. How tragic

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Lone0001](#) on Sat, 24 Mar 2007 03:22:39 GMT
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Well u know who the real idiot is the person who said oh lets make it so u cant edit ur messages after 30mins or whatever it is.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sat, 24 Mar 2007 14:41:04 GMT
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There is probably a good reason behind that decision.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 19:26:00 GMT
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Yes, I'm bumping this topic to add in a tidbit of info. Belgium schools are A LOT better than American, and they have this voucher system that I talk about. Imagine that, forcing schools to compete truly does work, and not just in theory.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfRUMmTs0ZA>

If you care to watch on how bad American schools are and how money IS NOT the way to go to boost school performance.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 20:09:45 GMT
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I am completely shocked at that video. Public schools in the UK are a lot better.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 20:45:12 GMT
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It really is a good representation of American schools. Sad, really.

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 20:56:08 GMT

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Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 21:15:34 GMT
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thats retarded...is that usa-wide or your state or your school board?

Subject: Re: A school's pethetic "policy".
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 21:42:32 GMT
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The issue I originally posted or the video?

Subject: Remember that video about the shitty US pblic schools?
Posted by [PlayMp1](#) on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 13:46:46 GMT
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Yeah, well, I go to one of those schools. I'm one of those students who are "above and beyond" and gets like 100s on tests and things like that. A nerd, essentially. I see these other kids.. and it just makes me depressed how fucking retarded these people are. There's this one girl who talks in class a lot, gets horrible grades, and insists the teachers are too hard and too "boring." Even a somewhat sensitive(SOMEWHAT, I'm not of those squemish bastards that wants to censure video games.) guy like me thinks the teachers and tests are WAY too easy. If we had that voucher system.... I would be going to a good private school, and not have to deal with these stupid bastards(I'm swearing because I get bitter when I talk about this shit). That book needs to be given away for free or something at those damn teachers union rallys. It would help a lot. I bet 30% of those teachers from that video, especially the union leader, are bad, boring, dumb teachers. Sorry about the wall of text .
