

YOUNG & CHILDREN'S CORNER

Ramadhan Iddi



Ramadhan Iddi is in form one at Kibamba Secondary School, aged 17 years. He likes playing football.

He is very much concerned with the grouping of students in class basing on their performance. He said this is not the proper way of motivating students to study hard, but rather it will cost the students. He said it is very easy for the students to lose hope bearing in mind that even if he or she works hard, nothing will change, he or she will still be considered as dull.

He said this tendency make some students to undermine others, regarding themselves as superior than the others.

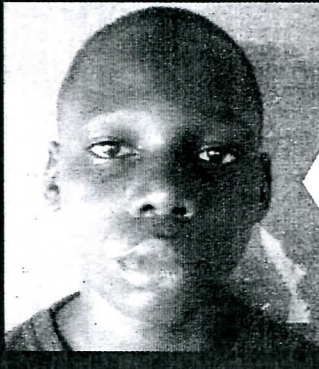
He is advising the teachers not to divide or isolate the students according to their intelligence. Students need to fee equals at school and acquire the culture of respecting each other.

Lisa is in class six at Peninsula English Medium School. She is 12 years old. Her hobby is singing. Concerning the segregation which is done in some of schools, she said it is not fair to the students because the duty of the teachers is to make sure what they teach is well mastered by all students. She said the so called intelligent students become overconfident—thinking that they are clever—hence they do not study hard and in the long run perform badly because they do not bother to study hard thinking that they will perform better in their examinations. It is very hard for them to perform better because of overconfidence and not studying hard. She is advising her fellow students to work hard and not consider the sitting arrangements according to good performance.

Lisa Moses



Hamisi Bakari



He is 16 years old, studies at Kibamba Secondary School. He is in form one.

The issue of streaming students according to class performance it really affects them as they feel that they are useless and hence being neglected by their teachers. He said there are various methods teachers can use to encourage the students to work hard and not to favour some of them.

He said some of the students end up involving themselves in risks behaviors, they become drug pushers since they are being discouraged to study.

He is advising the Government to restructure the system so that teachers can teach and treat all the students equally regardless their performance, financial status or comprehension or aptitude.

She is in class seven at Amani Primary School aged 13. Her hobby is singing. She said the students are not comfortable with the system, since it's hinders effective learning of students.

She said most of the teachers are concerned with the pupils who are very sharp in class and not to put much effort to other pupils. She said this makes most pupils loose hope and never wish to study. She said most of the students are absence from school because their teachers do not treat them nicely, they normally put their efforts on students who are sharp in class.

She is advising the teachers to treat all the students equally and teach them well so that they can fulfill their dreams.

Hawa Kibope



How segregation in school affects students' performance

BY JAMILA SHEMNI

Students are to be motivated to study hard so that they can excel in their examinations as well as earning a living at the end of the day. There is this tendency that most of the schools group students according to how brave and sharp they are in class.

This is one way of isolating students and make them fail to meet their future expectations. All students are the same; there is no one who is superior to the other. Isolating students from others will make them less active in class and fail to achieve their goals.

If there is more than one stream in the same class, students should be categorized fairly basing on the alphabetical order or just selecting them randomly and not categorizing them basing on the basis of cleverness or sharpness.

It is through studying together and exchanging ideas, that can make the students pass their exams well. It is true beyond doubt that students defer in terms of analyzing and comprehending things, and that is why we regard some of them as slow learners and some very active in class.

Teachers should put more emphasis on slow learners so that they can catch up with the quick learners. Teachers have to devise means of assisting them so that they can understand what is taught in class. The slow learners need not feel that they are useless simply because they take a long time to grasp their lessons.

Students from various schools have a lot to comment on how the system of dividing them in streams based on performance.

Rashid Ramadhan



He is in form one at Mugabe Secondary School aged 16.

To him, he said most of the students are lazy because they lack motivation in schools as most of the teachers concentrate on those who are clever. He said some students do not bother studying because they are discouraged at the very beginning. He said some drop out of school simply because they have proved themselves to be failures and dull and that is why they are even neglected by their teachers.

He is advising the teachers to abolish this system of grouping students based on their performance and let them use other method of motivating the students to pass their examinations.