

Chapter 2 Education

Topic 4 Gender differences in education

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Activity: Discussion

Is the education system biased in favour of boys?

Learning objectives

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Explain what is meant by gender equality in education.
- Summarise factors that contribute to gender equality in education.
- Evaluate the extent to which the education system offers gender equality.

1. In groups of four, prepare for a class discussion on 'The education system in the UK is biased in favour of boys'. Using pages 57-59 and the resources listed below, research the following questions:

- a. What does gender equality in education involve? Is it just about equal achievement and exam results, or is there more to it?
- b. What if anything is needed in education to achieve gender equality?

The following websites will give you some help:

<http://www.genderandeducation.com/resources/inclusion/promoting-gender-equality-inschools/>

<http://www.teachers.org.uk/taxonomy/term/1877>

www.ecu.ac.uk/guidance-resources/employment-and-careers/developmentprogression/women/

<http://www.csie.org.uk/inclusion/gender-discrimination.shtml>

2. Use your research to take part in a class discussion: 'The education system in the UK is biased in favour of boys.'

3. Write a summary of your class discussion.