Why is there favoritism with students?

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Almost every teacher has a favorite student in school. Those students get treated with more respect than others since they are being favored. Many students wonder who is being favored and why. Teachers at Perry High school on the other hand say otherwise, favorite students are often not who you expect.

Most teachers say that they do not favor students who do well in school, rather they favor the students who aren't doing well. Mr. Bezzeg, an English teacher for Perry High School, says, "I try to help kids who are struggling more, and sometimes I do worry about what is happening in their life that is causing the kids to not do their work." Teachers also favor students who don't do their work because they want to help them improve because they care about their success in school.

When students' grades start to drop, it's not uncommon for a teacher to tell the students that they need to turn in their work. By giving warnings and constantly making sure they turn in what is missing, teachers show more care for those who don't turn in their assignments because they constantly are on students about missing work. Ms. Mielke, a teacher at Perry High School says, "I focus more on those who don't do their job." She is constantly on students who don't do their work so they can get a better grade and do better in school.

Many students have tried to understand why teachers favor kids who don't do their work.

It's important to know that doing your work is a good thing, and when it is not done that you have to work on catching up. Keeping up with your work shows responsibility, which can get

you favorited by teachers. It's also common to be favored by certain teachers who enjoy students who do work or get good grades.

Some teachers do have favorite students who do their work, meaning they get looked better upon. The Media Center teacher Mrs. James believes that students who do their work are more favored. "No, I do not favorite kids who don't do their work," claims Mrs. James. It is important to show the kids who do their work some pride so they don't feel like they aren't doing a good job.

It's always important to not get on a teacher's bad side. Teachers do not like when work is missing or late. When work is late, teachers will be on you for not doing work. This is a important reason why teachers favor students who don't do their work since they put more time into those students. Checking grades is what makes teachers sure of who is passing and who isn't. "I check grades daily and I ask about any missing work," says Mrs. James.

Even though some teachers favor students, that doesn't mean you need to be scared to ask for help, a teacher will never say no to any person who needs help. A teacher will always try to help as long as you ask for it. Don't be scared to ask for help.