

Why An All-Girls School Will Make Your Daughter A Stronger Person

Maybe you are unhappy with the school your daughter is currently enrolled in. Maybe your little girl's first day of school is just around the corner and you have yet to make that decision about which school will be the best fit for both of you.

While the stereotypes of all-girls schools are widely known, some of their benefits often go unnoticed. According to the National Association For Single Sex Public Education, there are at least 103 single-sex schools in the United States. That means there are educational opportunities at all-girls schools for your daughter all over the country.

There are dozens of reasons an all-girls school will help your daughter become a better person. Specialized curriculum, more learning experiences and proven success are just a few things to consider.

Custom-Created Curriculum

Ever heard that two heads are better than one? Well one study proved this to be true, but only if both are girls. An experiment was conducted where children randomly assigned to boy-boy, boy-girl or girl-girl pairs all performed the same computer-based language task. The girl-girl pairs did the best while the boy-boy pairs did the worst. The girls in boy-girl pairs did almost as poorly as the boys.

As your daughter studies with and collaborates with other girls, she will have more and more opportunity to do her absolute best and really put her brain power to the test.

Broader Learning Experience

Research conducted in several different countries found that in same-gender schools, students are more likely to overcome what is called "gender intensification" and explore subjects that a culture may deem inappropriate for their gender. In an all-girls school, your daughter will have the chance to explore "non-traditional" areas like woodworking, computers, physics and more.

The broader the curriculum and experiences your daughter is exposed to, the more chances she'll have to discover hidden talents, develop skills and even learn what types of careers she may be interested in.

More Group Interaction

Studies show that girls who graduated from all-girls schools spent about 11 more hours per week than girls at other schools doing homework, studying, talking with their teachers outside the classroom, tutoring one another and studying in groups.

The peer to peer and peer to teacher network your daughter will build while at an all-girls school will help her develop both socially and intellectually. She will form connections that will teach her valuable life lessons about working with others and collaborating as a group.

Higher Level of Confidence

Along with being able to overcome gender intensification, an all-girls school will give your daughter the chance to build her confidence in a way she wouldn't be able to in a co-ed school.

Studies reflect this with positive statistics. All-girls school graduates:

- Rate their confidence in math and computer science 10 percent higher than graduates from coed schools.
- Scored 43 points higher on their SAT scores.
- Are more likely to stay up to date with political issues and discuss them with their peers.
- Evaluate their writing and public speaking skills about 5 percent higher than graduates from coed schools.
- Are three times more likely to major in engineering.
- Are more likely to think of college as a step toward graduate school.

As you decide what school to enroll your daughter in, or contemplate changing schools, consider the benefits of all-girls schools and how they can make your daughter a stronger person.

With so many options out there, chances are you will find an all-girls school that meets your needs and can help your daughter reach her highest potential in academics, social life and even her future career.