

Diversity within education plays a huge role and can be divided into several sub-groups. Race, economics and many other cultural and sociological events, something as simple as daily interconnectedness can play a role in the sociological journey we each embark on every day. Significant events in everyone's life rings true with me and I have witnessed it with nearly everyone I know. This event can be a positive or negative event in one's life. Many times I have witnessed an emotionally traumatic event turn one's life around. On the other hand I have witnessed a tragic death or a loss of a job ruin lives. How we understand the inner workings of diversity and engage in the enhancement of educational opportunities is based on how we can lead effective change. These changes begin with the installation of a full inclusive paradigm. This allows for all children to have the same access to the same educational opportunities. What this does is an emotional, psychological and social reformation in their life and allows special education students the chance to feel and be like everyone else. Reading literacy often times is the main factor in why someone is in a special education placement. The environment of a child's home life throughout their educational journey also may play a significant role in how successful they have been thus far in school.

Reading liberation and how someone is raised, particularly in the formative years, leaves a sociological stamp on everyone. We see on a daily basis in the educational realm how parenting influences and molds minds while parents educational skills leave an indelible mark. If these skills have not been formulated within the norms of the educational forum, discipline becomes an issue and the learning process becomes affected.

One example of this is that I had a first grade student punch a teacher in the chest two weeks ago. Now the teacher has become skittish while a behavior plan was put in place for this student. After two weeks of ups and downs in behavior, his constant harassment of students in class and hitting another student in the face with a book bag has landed him in front of me for an expulsion hearing. Potentially he will put on our on-line school and he will be tested. At this point he is an extremely smart young man with some incredible anger problems. There are other opportunities in our county where he can get the help he needs and ultimately transition back to the general population.

Early adult transition is an interesting journey as well, from childhood, as we watch these transitions in students at school and with our own kids. Success is sometimes measured simply by performance in a job interview and the amount of education that has been acquired along the way. I am beginning to see these mentioned reformations with my twenty one year old son. There is less conversation about how little I know or understand and more conversation about

what he needs to know. This was not evident four or five years ago. He is classically living under that protective umbrella while taking short vacations in the land of uncertainty.

While diversity within race and education will be explored more here, the difference between the haves and the have not's is increasing in American society and having a family that can read eloquently and deeply may prove to give our kids a leg up in this competitive 21st century economy.