

# Are Our Children Actually Learning Anything in School Today?

✘ With all the political correctness, secular progressive propaganda and outright craziness going on in schools today, I wonder if kids are actually learning anything at all. In my world, you went to school, learned a skill (as I did in my vocational high school), and got a job. Higher education came much later for me. I was expected to work out of high school. I can't imagine how I would've supported myself if I had to endure the kind of dopeyness I read about today – starting in our elementary schools all the way through college.

A new policy in Chicago will require sex education in **every** grade, including kindergarten. Fortunately, parents can opt out of this program, but, one would think, with one of the highest drop-out rates in the nation, Chicago would be a little bit more interested in the basics or is reading, writing and arithmetic a thing of the past?

A mother of a fifth grader in Corpus Christie, TX, objected to a test question following the viewing of a film entitled, "Remembering September 11<sup>th</sup>," which read, "Why might the United States be a target for terrorism?" The "correct" answer was "Decisions we made in the United States have had negative effects on people elsewhere." The other options were "Other people just don't like Americans," "Terrorists hate everyone" and "None of the above." When did it become okay to teach our children that we caused the atrocities of 9/11? Why wasn't the correct answer, "Because Islamic terrorists hate freedom and everything else the U.S. represents."

In Houston, an elementary school held an assembly entitled, "A

Dream Come True – Living in the present by remembering the past and looking forward to the future.” The lyrics of the first song, “Feels Like Change”:

Oh, I tried to believe in George Bush,

I tried to trust,

But it’s ashes to ashes now,

And it’s dust to dust.

Do you feel it baby?

Oh, do you feel it?

It feels like change!

The rest of the program, with the exception of a couple of songs focused on Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr., was a lovefest for the President Obama. Talk about indoctrination and propaganda. (**After** the program was put on and after reviewing the lyrics, the principal agreed that some of the songs were “overly political” and shouldn’t have been included.)

Recently, a Florida teenager, along with two others, forcibly disarmed a fellow student who allegedly pointed a loaded gun and threatened to shoot another pupil on a school bus. Instead of praising these heroes, they were suspended for three days. Now it’s up to them to fight to remove this suspension from their records.

In McAllen, Texas (what the hell is going on down there?), a teenager now has to sue her school because she was punished for not reciting the Mexican national anthem and pledge of allegiance (to Mexico) as part of her intermediate Spanish class.

And now we come to Massachusetts. Earlier this year, the

Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education released an 11-page document ordering the state's K-12 public schools to permit "transgender" boys and girls to use the opposite sex's locker rooms, bathrooms and changing facilities as long as they "claim to identify with that gender." Neither a doctor's note nor parental permission for a child to "switch sexes" is needed. If a boy says he's a girl, as far as the schools are concerned, he's a girl.

A friend of mine went through sex-reassignment and was required to go through years of psychotherapy, hormone therapy and living as a person of the opposite sex for an entire year before his surgery was approved.

How does a kid, somewhere between the ages of 5-17, get to make that decision without medical supervision or parental knowledge? This is absolute insanity. Some schools include kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, which means, that boys as old as 14 could share toilet facilities with girls as young as five and vice versa. If a boy who "identifies" himself as a girl doesn't want to use a urinal in a boys' bathroom, then he should use a stall. And what about a girl? How does a girl who "identifies" herself as a boy use a boys' bathroom any differently than a girls' bathroom. Does anyone really want to think about a 14-year old girl using the same changing facilities and showering with 14-year old boys?

According to the guidelines, if a female student is uncomfortable and objects to a boy's presence when she's in the bathroom, the rules say, the complaint "is not a reason to deny access to the transgender student."

Finally, Ryan Rotela, a Florida Atlantic University student, is accusing an instructor and local Democratic party leader of suspending him for refusing to stomp on a piece of paper with the word "Jesus" written on it. This "exercise" was part of an intercultural communications class (whatever that means) and was supposed to encourage discourse. Could you imagine if

a student was told to stomp on the name "Mohammed" or even "Obama"? Fortunately, Ryan has received an apology but the instructor has been put on administrative leave for "safety reasons" whatever that means.

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.