

## CAUSES OF STUDENTS' DROPOUT AND HOW TO ADDRESS IT

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Student dropout is a complex issue with many factors contributing to the decision to leave school. Some common reasons for students leaving school include a lack of engagement in their education, negative experiences with peers or teachers, lack of support at home, poverty, and behavioral or emotional problems.

For students who lack engagement in their education, schools can create programs and initiatives that promote student interest and participation in the classroom. This can include hands-on learning experiences, individualized attention from teachers, and opportunities for students to explore their interests and passions.

Negative experiences with peers or teachers can also lead to students dropping out of school. To address this, schools can create positive school cultures and climates through anti-bullying campaigns, peer support programs, and teacher training on classroom management and student engagement.

For students who lack support at home, schools can provide resources and support services such as counseling, mentorship programs, and access to community resources.

Poverty is another major factor in student dropout. Students who live in poverty may struggle to meet their basic needs, such as food and shelter, making it difficult for them to focus on their education. To address this, schools can work with community organizations to provide resources such as free or reduced-cost meals, clothing, and transportation.

Behavioral and emotional problems can also lead to students leaving school. Schools can provide resources such as counseling services and behavioral health support to help students manage their emotions and behaviors.

It's important to note that dropping out of school can have long-lasting consequences, such as lower lifetime earnings, decreased job opportunities, and increased likelihood of involvement in the criminal justice system.

Preventing student dropout is a complex challenge that requires a collaborative effort between schools, families, and communities. By addressing the root causes of student dropout and providing support and resources to students in need, we can help ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential.

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