



Male/Female Relations and Gender Issues and Classroom Behavior

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Gender Expectations

The gender gap in many places outside the United States persists.

Ex: Women should be wives and mothers first.

Lesbian Bridesmaid

- Don't omit homosexuals from rituals assumed to pertain only to heterosexuals.
- Don't omit homosexual offspring and their partners from family traditions.

AIDS Education

When imparting sexual information, it will be more effective to separate the sexes.

Spousal Abuse

- Women and their children need to be informed about availability of counseling and shelter services.
- Women need to be taught how to obtain restraining orders against abusive partners.



Romantic Implications

Muslim children are not allowed to touch members of the opposite sex.

Hospital Roommates

Muslims cannot be in the same room with nonrelated members of the opposite sex.

Chastity

When a man converses with a Muslim husband, he should not refer to having previously met the wife.



Inequality

Ethnic groups do not all perceive gender roles in the same way.

Child Custody

In divorce proceedings, Middle Eastern men usually assume they are the most appropriate parent to have custody over the children.

Home Alone Together

A traditional unmarried Latina should not be alone in the company of a man.



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Testing

Culturally biased tests lead to misleading results.



Special Education

Children with autism are commonly misunderstood. They are of normal intelligence but perceive the world differently, and thus their output is different.



Enrichment Activities

Experts should have at least a basic understanding of students' family variations and housing conditions.



Fear of Authority

Most immigrants fear authority representatives.



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Student Participation

To avoid classroom lulls, use small-group activities among multicultural students who are reticent about participation.



Left-handed

Because of deeply embedded cultural or religious beliefs, it may be difficult or impossible to dissuade parents from switching their children from left hand to right hand use.



“Stupid!”

Words in other languages that seem similar to English words may have far different connotations.



Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is acceptable in Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

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Cheating

Cheating can be dealt with in several ways: make variations of a test; separate friends; isolate problem students; proctor carefully; create group projects.



Teacher Knows Best

In Jamaica and other parts of the Caribbean, teachers are respected and revered and rarely challenged.



Respect for Teachers

Asian students show esteem by calling the teacher “Teacher,” while American instructors want to be called by their family name.



Absenteeism

Latino families give priority to family loyalty, even if it might negatively affect a child’s standing in school.

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