

Home Economics Elective Notes

Social Elective: Education

Background: Education is a fundamental right. Compulsory for children aged 6-16 years or until they have completed 3 years of second level education

DES oversees education provision

Key points to talk about for this question

Purpose of education :

- 1) Socialisation
- 2) Development-physical, emotional, spiritual, moral, intellectual.
- 3) Preparation for work.

Purpose of Education

1) Socialisation

Definition: process whereby an individual learns norms, values, customs & social skills appropriate to society i.e. patience & respecting authority.

- **Primary socialisation: home**
- **Secondary socialisation: School.**

Types of secondary socialisation

Formal	Informal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class room• Developing moral values through the SPHE curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hidden curriculum (knowledge conveyed to students without ever being explicitly taught).• Developing the ability to share & be punctual, respecting authority, being a team player.• Rewards & sanctions to encourage kids to conform.

2) Development of individuals

Physical	Emotional	Intellectual	Moral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early opportunities for kids to play with toys-improves hand eye coordination & dexterity. • Provide Practical subjects to enhance coordination & motor skills. • Provides P.E. for balance and agility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps kids gain emotional independence from parents. • Provides opportunities to develop relationships outside the home-develop empathy. • Promotes emotional health & well-being by providing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides access to educational resources • Challenges & tests intellect by providing range of subjects and extra-curricular activities • Provides examinations and H/W assignments that motivate students to reach full potential. Healthy Competition between peers instils motivation to do well. 	<p>Ethos outlines beliefs, values, customs & moral thinking which students are expected to conform to. Rules which teach students how to function well in society & live by laws & norms</p> <p>Examine moral dilemmas in SPHE & RE, instilling differences in right and wrong.</p>

Preparation for work

- Basic education in numeracy and literacy
- Supports education attainment of educational qualifications through various subjects & educational programmes i.e. LCVP, LCA, LC. Aim to accommodate the different learning styles & student abilities
- Develop specialised skills i.e. woodwork, necessary for students seeking employment in specialist jobs
- Provides work experience i.e. TY, so students obtain insight into the working world.

Factors that influence educational achievement.

Memory Rhyme: Students Feel Pride In Presenting Homework.

School Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enthusiastic teachers encourage children to be more engaged & interested in learning, enhancing educational achievement. - School with large class numbers, discipline issues & fewer resources can hinder students' school progression. - Bullying can impact educational achievement as students can become unfocused in class & skip school.
Family Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large families often have less time to spend assisting children with school work, affect educational achievement - Extra financial pressure can reduce resources i.e. books & laptops, available in the home to assist with education progression.
Parental Attitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive attitude towards education from parents can instil the value of education in children, resulting in hard working, self-motivated students. - The educational level of parents may influence educational achievement. Parents assist their children with H/W & assignments
Intellectual Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Individuals inherit a certain level of intellectual ability. -School is critical to achieve academic success. -School nurtures child's ability & supported by home
Peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the child's peers academically driven it can positively impact on educational achievement, they may be encourage to work hard & succeed at school. - Generate healthy competition, increasing child's motivation.
Home Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An overcrowded house can make it hard for kids to find a quiet study space, affecting educational progress. - Inadequate furniture i.e. no desk can make it difficult to complete homework. - Inadequate heating can cause illness, lead to absences from school, impacting progress in education on days missed.