

# Why having a part-time job is a good idea

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Since I was in high school, I have been doing part-time jobs after school. The jobs I have done are usually related to the service industry. I feel good about the jobs and have learned a lot from them. In my opinion, it is not a bad thing for a student to have a part-time job while studying. In the following paragraphs I will discuss the reasons for my point of view.

First of all, having a part-time job enables the student to be independent of his parents' help with his daily expenses. And a working student can, instead, help his parents financially. He can also get working experience while pursuing his studies at the same time.

Besides, the student also learns how to achieve a balance between his academic work and the part time job. This is something he cannot learn in the classroom.

Moreover, a job is more than a mere source of income as the training required can improve the student's ability of independent thinking, thus enabling him not only to solve daily problems but also to get along with people from different walks of life.

Understandably, some people may argue that part-time employment seriously affects normal school life. However, I would like to point out that learning is more than just achieving good exam scores. A person who only cares for academic success cannot survive and, instead, will be eliminated by the highly competitive society sooner or later.

Some parents may still see their child as a little kid, not ready for work. This is quite natural. However, it is unwise for parents to be over protective. As an old saying goes, "If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain." If the child is not allowed to get out of the comfort zone, he will be deprived of the training required for proper personal development.

It is thus evident that there are more advantages than disadvantages about students doing part-time jobs. I would suggest that the student take careful consideration before making up his mind. What is most important is that he should try to strike a balance between his studies and the job to be ensured of the best benefits.