

# **Student Essay on Is a Free Ride Justifiable?**

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# Essay

I have always believed that an education is valued the greatest when deserved. I agree with Kurt Wiesenfeld on the aspects of his article, "Making the Grade." This article sheds light amongst students who would rather get a free ride; rather than meet their goals and accomplish their education with merit. Should these students be held accountable at the end of their semester for the grades they receive, regardless of the outcome? Who should take blame, the students or their professor"

Students should accept their own responsibilities and be held accountable for their own failures. If a student believes that the professor has made an error, then bring it to the professors' attention and ask why. If the answer then is not justified, take the next step up for a second opinion. Even then the students would start swarming over the idea of receiving a better grade, even though they did not deserve it.

this would make things harsh on all faculty if allowed. I disagree with this strategy, since all failing students would try to take advantage of professors. I think it was best said by Wiesenfeld when he stated, "Time was, when you received a grade, that was it. You might moan and groan, but you accepted it as the outcome of your efforts or lack of (and, yes, sometimes a tough grader)"(1). Should students just accept this and move on"

I think so, being that most students who fail are not likely to be doing their work as requested by the professor. I beleive this is unfair to the other students and professors that put forth the effort and who value their education, The reason I mention this, also in Wiesenfeld's article he states, "Many, when pressed about why they think they deserve a better grade, admit they don't deserve one but would like one anyway"(1).

This statement leads me ro beleive that the students who fail actually realize in the "real world" life is not something you take for granted. Also, in the "real world" everything is earned, not given to people as a free ride. After the students fail, I beleive that they would, hopefully, be more willing to work harder to accomplish their goals just for the satisfaction. Then to be valued the one who earned this education for themself.

## Works Cited

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