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PINK AND BLUE MAKE PURPLE: GENDER IN THE CLASSROOM

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Children growing up in the United States educational system have learned stereotyped gender roles. Education is indispensable in empowering the people. It brings out the desired attitudinal and behavioral changes necessary in effecting and sustaining societal development. Educated people are better prepared to make sound decisions about their lives and can contribute more to community development. For women, education provides the vehicle for making choices for themselves beyond the confines of marriage and motherhood. The gap that exists between sex stereotyped gender roles is a social problem that needs to be addressed. It is important to first understand the roots of social problems, so that problems such as unequal pay will not exist. Education should be breaking down the psychological schema that generates the stereotypes of women and men.