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In some US states, a proposal is under consideration to penalize parents for their children's poor academic performance. This has raised the question of who is responsible for how a student performs in school. Are the parents, teachers, or the students themselves responsible for getting good grades? I believe that all are equally to blame for poor academic results. This is often due to factors beyond control of the parents or teachers. Ultimately, I believe society as a whole is to blame.

First, parents should provide their children with a good study environment. This includes providing adequate care and food for their children to maintain a good level of physical and mental health. Unfortunately, however, not every parent can give the support that their children need. Moreover, parents usually aren't trained on how to teach their children school subjects. What the parents can do for their children may largely depend on their finances.

Second, not all teachers can teach students effectively or motivate them to learn. In Japan, teachers are said to be too busy doing things other than teaching. Teachers may have to confront difficult students, deal with demanding parents, and complete a lot of school related paperwork. Also, further distractions at school can worsen the quality of teaching.

Lastly, students themselves may find it difficult to concentrate on studying for different reasons. Some may not know why they have to study or they might suffer from personal problems. No one can blame children who are not mature enough to deal with their challenges or difficulties at school.

Many children today continue to struggle in school and underperform academically. The cause of this relates to many different factors including both the parents and teachers. In order to ease this problem and improve upon the situation, society must invest in and value education more.