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Full Time College Career

What is a student defined as? Many would say an adolescent attending a school, whether that is high school, or college. They are there to get an education and learn. Students get assigned homework for more practice in what was learned, and are expected to have it done. There are so many expectations placed upon a student it becomes an adolescent's full time job. Parents have one view of what a student is, whereas a dictionary has an entirely different opinion. However, one cannot just assume these to be the correct definitions. Only a student knows what it takes to be who they are.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a student is a "scholar, learner; especially one who attends a school." Even though this is an accurate definition, it is also a very general idea of a student. The dictionary definition does not tell what kind of difficulties they go through, along with the positive aspects of student life. There is much more that a general definition cannot capture that a student undergoes. Surely, students do study in school, or should at least. They can be considered scholars or learners, but there is more than meets the eye when it comes to students.

Another opinion of what a student is comes from parents. Parents are supposed to know their children the best, but they do not completely grasp the concept of what their children do in school. Sometimes they see the stress a child undergoes to meet deadlines for assignments and they may consider that to be the hardest part of being a student. Some parents did not attend

school and have no idea what it is like for a student; whereas other parents believe they can relate because they too were once students. Problem is things have changed, lessons are different, and student life is becoming more difficult. Parents put pressure on their children to be the best student they can be. Other expectations coming from parents include the child's future. Kids are pushed to study and always do well because their future depends on it. Students carry a lot of weight upon their shoulders. Most of it comes from parents putting so much stress on the student to do well; it becomes nerve wracking.

However, from a student's point of view, this is their full time job. Students are always told to do their homework, study, pay attention in class, behave. It becomes too much for a student to handle at times. That is when the stress happens. In high school, there was the pressure of doing well in order to get into college. But it does not end there, because once the student gets into college, they worry about getting a job after their schooling. If they fail a test, they treat it like the end of the world because students are brought up to take tests seriously. It is a hard thing to balance schoolwork, tests, work in other classes, papers, etc. Students have to learn good time management in order to succeed. Along with that is the idea that students are the future, so they need to be smart and understand situations.

Sure a student is a scholar. They are meant to do their work and study. But only a student can define what a student really is. According to an actual student, they are hard workers. They deal with the stresses of life and school. Students learn to balance schoolwork. They exist to promote the future of humanity. No one tells a child what it is like to truly learn and behave like a student. No one knows what a student is or the amount of effort it takes to be a student. It is not until they themselves, experience it.