

Ten Rules Kids Will Not Learn In School

1. Life is not fair. Get used to it. The average teen-ager uses the phrase "It's not fair" eighty-six times a day.
2. The real world will not care as much about your self-esteem as your school does. This may come as a shock.
3. Sorry, you will not make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. And, you will not be a Vice President or have your own company, either. You may even have to wear a uniform that doesn't have a designer label.
4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.
5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it opportunity.
6. It is not your parents' fault if you mess up. You are responsible. This is the flip side of "It's my life" and "You are not my boss".
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't boring. They got that way paying your bills and listening to you.
8. Life is not divided into semesters. And, you don't get summers off. Not even spring break. You are expected to show up every day for eight hours and you do not get a new life every 10 weeks.
9. Smoking does not make you look cool. Watch an 11-year old with a butt in his mouth. That is what you look like to anyone over 20.
10. Your school may be "outcome-based" but life is not. In some schools, you're given as many times as you want to get the answer right. Standards are set low enough so everyone can meet them. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life - as you will find out.

Good luck. You are going to need it.
And, the harder you work, the luckier you will get.

