

Students' Behaviour Problems are Rooted in the Family—Parents to be Held Liable

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ABSTRACT This article argues that a child's behaviour is influenced mainly by its family background and as such the parent should take full responsibility and accountability for the child's behaviour at school. The proposition to involve and make the parent more accountable should be legislated so that the courts should take action against parents who fail to do so. This argument is made following general concerns that parents are unduly relinquishing their pastoral roles to schools, thus making schools 'dumping grounds' for problem children. Proposals on how parental full participation in students' behaviour can be achieved end the paper.