Poverty and Education

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Food Insecurity and Students in the Education System

- Children develop different social skills, and may not even develop some social skills.
- Students can be more easily agitated and cause disruptions in class because their behavioral development has been negatively affected.
- Children and students who live in food insecurity homes are not receiving the nutrients needed, so their cognitive development is impacted.
- Students are less engaged in class and are not as successful when it comes to understanding and retaining the information being taught.
- Some students are held back and have lower scores in reading and math tests and skills.

Poverty and Academic Achievement

- Poverty can affect a student’s ability to cognitively develop throughout schooling.
- Poverty also affects students’ motivation by forcing students to prioritize other entities over education.
- Poverty also affects the education quality a student receives due to socioeconomic segregation in American housing.
- These different aspects of education that are negatively affected by poverty leads to poor academic achievement by at-risk and impoverished students.
- Poverty can affect students in many different ways, and as a future educator, I need to remember that I can never be sure of anyone’s past or current circumstances.

Abstract: Impoverished, at-risk students are put at a disadvantage through poverty’s effects in academic achievement, motivation, retention, development, and education quality.