Essay

Necessary Strictness

“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way“

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“No Korean!” Have you ever heard the sentence like this? I bet most of Korean students who have taken English classes have heard it at least more than one time. Let me ask you one more question. How many times did you run into your classes because of the attendance policy? In my case, it’s impossible to count because I ran almost every time. Even though English only policy and attendance policy bothered me so much, I think those are very necessary policies. I have some reasons for that.

I met a lot of teachers who used English only policy. There were two different teachers whom I remember the most. One teacher deducted my points whenever I spoke Korean. The other teacher just said “No Korean” all the time whenever I spoke it. Since I wanted to have high score in my grade, I spoke only English in the strict teacher’s class. Even though I felt more comfortable in the teacher’s class which I could speak my native language freely, I couldn’t really improve my English skills. It is true that the strict teacher annoyed me a lot about speaking in English. However, I could develop my English ability the most.

As I told you before, I ran into my classes almost every day because of the attendance policy. Most teachers whom I met were very strict about it. Some teachers deducted late students’ scores and some other teachers gave the students who were late more than 4times fail. Since I didn’t want to have ‘F’ in my report card, I tried to wake up early and run into the classes. That helped me to become more diligent and responsible. Nevertheless, I met not only strict teachers but also the teacher who didn’t really care about the attendance. He only cared about the student’s exam score. Therefore, I was late for his class many times. Moreover, I didn’t even go to his class many times. At the end of the semester, I felt like I learned nothing and also felt like I became lazier.

Even though the teachers who were strict about the policies annoyed me a lot, I could learn much more things from their classes. I was able to feel easy in the classes which I didn’t have to care about the policies. It could be nice at the first time. However, I got nothing at the end. In my opinion, the teachers who were stern about the policies did well. When I become a teacher in the future, I want to be a friendly teacher but not friendly on English only policy and attendance policy. I want my students to learn a lot from my class.

In conclusion, in my perspective, both of the policies are really important and necessary. To help the students, teachers should be strict about them. In the future, when students get jobs, they have to be responsible for their company’s policies. Especially, the office-going hour will be very important. If they are late for the work, their bosses might think that they are untrustworthy and irresponsible. Therefore, students need to practice being responsible for the policies. I think teachers can help them to practice it in the class. The unavoidable strictness is very needed in the class.