

## Lifestyles

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These days learning and teaching efficiency in high school are better than in my parents' generation, because the number of students in one class has been decreasing. In my parents' generation it was almost impossible to take care of each student. They used to have 80 students in one class. Generally one homeroom teacher should know all of his/her students to teach them efficiently. But the number of 80 students is too many. It's hard to remember that many students' strengths and weaknesses and provide person-to-person time to understand each other or ask a question. My father told me that when he was in the first year of high school, his homeroom teacher didn't even know my father's name. And he never made an impression on his homeroom teacher. One day, he had some questions, so he went to his homeroom teacher and tried to ask. But his teacher said that he didn't have time to answer because he had too many students to take care of. Then the teacher asked my father, "By the way, what's your name?" and he upset my father. Nowadays, however, there are only around 30 students in one class, It's easier for teachers to educate students carefully and personally. The teacher can remember all of the students' characters. When I was a high school student, I had a person-to-person consultation almost monthly. I remember the first time I asked my teacher how I should study to receive a high grade, and she took me to a school cafeteria to buy me something to drink and advised me which way was the best. And this continued, month after month. One important difference between my generation and my parents' generation is that teachers can think about each student personally because of the decreased number of students in one classroom. Now we might ask ourselves; Is the number of student assigned to one teacher to look after important in education?