

## **Academic achievement**

**But I believe the biggest reason for boys' classroom struggles is simply that male brains develop more slowly than female brains — or at least those parts of the brain that enable success in the classroom. The gaps in brain development are clearly visible around the age of 5, and they persist through elementary and middle school.**

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**The brain-development trajectories of boys and girls diverge further, and most dramatically, as adolescence progresses — with the widest gaps around the age of 16 or 17. I hardly need to say that these are crucial years for educational achievement.**

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**From a strictly neuroscientific perspective, the education system is tilted in favor of girls.**

**Richard Reeves, Atlantic Magazine, October 2022**