

Have you ever felt like you don't fit in your school? Like you're being forced to follow a system that doesn't see who you truly are? I have. And for me, that feeling wasn't just uncomfortable, it was painful.

I learn fast. In many classes, I understand everything within the first five minutes. But I have to sit through fifty minutes of the same material. Day after day, it made me feel bored, trapped, and invisible. So, I asked my teacher, "Why is every class so slow?" And the answer was, "That's just how it is because you're smart. Just be patient."

But that answer didn't help at all. Why should I be the one to wait and suffer, just because I happen to learn faster? Over time, I slowly realized this system wasn't made for someone like me. I even started wondering, "Maybe, I should just stop coming to school."

At first, I thought this was only my problem. But then I realized that there are many students like me. And not just the fast learners. There are also students who learn slowly, and they are hurting too. They sit in class confused, afraid to ask questions, voice their thoughts, and feel ashamed of falling further behind. They don't fit the system either.

So in the end, both fast and slow learners suffer—because the system is designed only for the "average". But in reality, there's no such thing as an "average" student.

When I was in elementary school, our math class was divided into two groups. One for confident students and one for those who needed more time. It was simple, and it worked. So I wonder, why can't we do the same in junior high school too?

In high school and college, students are divided by ability or interest. Some private junior high schools even offer personalized learning. But in rural areas like where I live, we don't have choices. There's usually only one school. That means our education depends entirely on geography. That's unfair. Every child deserves a learning environment that fits them. Not just the ones who live in cities or can afford privilege.

I'm standing here because I want people to finally see us—to truly understand that students like me exist. Some of us hide our pain behind the silence. Others are on the verge of giving up. But none of us should have to feel this way.

School should be a place where everyone can grow. Fast learners, slow learners, creative minds, quiet kids, we all matter.

But if the system doesn't change, more students will feel left out, just like I did. More students will stop going to school. Not because they are lazy. Not because they are weak. But because the system made them feel like they don't belong.

That's not just sad. It's dangerous.

Education should never break us. It should help us become who we truly are. That's why we need a system that's flexible, compassionate, and just. A system that adapts to students' unique rhythm, rather than forcing everyone into the same rigid mold.

And I'm hoping, no, I'm asking you to think about this. Really think. Look around you. How many students like me might be drowning in silence?

One size fits all? In education, that's a lie we can no longer afford.

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