

The chart about the time management of an American school's students show us a special phenomenon. Besides sleeping and education, which is quite similar to ordinary students around the world, the students have relatively spent more time on taking part-time jobs and engaging in social or leisure activities compared to students in other countries. This is quite interesting, as in other countries and cultures, students are told that studying is their main duty. They aren't given so much spare time to engage in social or leisure activities, let alone take a part-time job. Another interesting fact given by the chart of time management is that American students don't seem to spend lots of time on sports, which is against the stereotype of American students being

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active and sports-maniac.

There are great differences between the time management of the American students and mine. First of all, having 8.7 hours of time for sleeping seems a bit too luxurious to me. Due to the heavy loads of studying, I usually sleep six hours a day. Secondly, my study hours are approximately two times of theirs. It doesn't mean that I'm a maniac of study or what. It's quite common for our Taiwanese students to study over ten hours. I guess it is the difference of culture. While our culture tells us that through studying can we succeed, their culture encourages them to lead a versatile life instead of merely studying. Lastly, while American students tend to take a part-time job for 1.5 hours a day, I have none! Working just seems to be a bit too early for me. As far as I am concerned, despite the great differences between their time management and mine, there are no wins or loses. They both have their pros and cons. It is just interesting to have a chance to peek into the life of American students, which has a great difference with ours.