

# Schooled

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**Subjects:** English Language Arts  
Grades 6-8

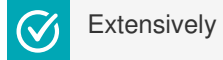
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# Resource Evaluation

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## CURRICULUM FIT

### Does the resource support BC curriculum?



This is an example of the quirky, misunderstood outcast who ends up proving to others and himself that he matters. He learns that he can be true to his values and still succeed in the mainstream world.

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## SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Violence

A few fist fights occur between characters. Blood is involved but is addressed realistically.

### Safety

Cap drives a car, though underage. Also, when a bus driver has a heart attack, he takes control of the bus and drives it safely to the hospital where he gets arrested for driving.


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GENERAL CONTENT


Content

Audience


**Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

 Extensively


**Does the resource provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?**

 Extensively


**Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

 Extensively


**Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?**

 Extensively

**Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?**

 Extensively

**To what degree is this text stylistically rich?**

 Extensively

### Plot description

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### Related Comments

At school Cap gets set up for a series of humiliations. He is too naïve to recognize each set-up and so he just tolerates them but eventually wins the school over. There is enough humour to captivate male and female readers. The students will relate to the social hierarchy of the school. The alliance between the nerd who would have been at the "bottom of the totem pole" and the bully who has tormented him for years, provides insight in a humorous way.

### Genre

- Contemporary

### Literary Highlights

- Complex conflict(s)
- Rich characterization
- Well-developed themes
- Point of view

### Type

- Novel

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

**Reading Level**

- At intended grade level(s)

Literature Circles, Whole Class, Read Aloud/Discussion, Cross-Curricular.

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**GRADES AND SUBJECTS**

**Subjects**

- English Language Arts: 6-8
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