According to the last PISA report, Spain is one of the countries which educational level has significantly gone down in the past few years. The subjects Spain fails are, among others, reading, math, science and technology.

I think this report does not unveil anything new, especially to parents, who cannot avoid comparing their children´s knowledge with the knowledge they had at school.

The reasons for this backward step are in my opinion the following:

* “New” educational system: This “modern” system is very little demanding for the students. It considers memory as something useless for learning and hard working something traumatic instead of an effort that is worth it. The fathers of this system think that students do not need to pass the exams to take the next course and, of course, they do no need to be disciplined.
* Lack of motivation of school teachers: The new system undermines teacher authority and, without authority, teachers are subjected to an extreme dose of stress that hampers their job in such a way that, in many cases, they have to ask for a leave in order to be treated from depression.
* Lack of motivation of students: In this context, students do not have something to win or to something to lose. They do not have to respect any boundaries. They are not aware that their effort now will have a reward in the future. As a result, they are not satisfied with their life and they do not have a project for the future. They do not feel the need of making effort; they prefer to enjoy the life without responsibilities.
* Family habits: One characteristic of modern life is that everybody is very busy. As a consequence, parents do not have enough time to spend with their kids. Sometimes, the new electronic communication devises play the role of electronic educators. Of course they are a good aid sometimes, but children need to share their feelings, they need love and encouragement. They need to know that they are important for someone. Otherwise, they do not consider their life as important and valuable as to make big efforts and strive for great achievements.

To solve the problem, it is necessary to establish a new educational system that demands a high level of knowledge to pass the subjects and qualifies the students for advanced courses. “No pain no gain”, there is not another way.

The school should be a disciplined center. Educating consists in giving knowledge and teaching attitudes. Bad behavior should not be admitted. Teachers should be respected by students.

No need to say, that teaching proficiency is essential. As in the movie “Karate kid”, there are not bad students but bad teachers. Teachers should be very carefully chosen, trained and supervised in their task.

Finally, there should be connection between family life and school. Parents should spend more time with their children and be aware of their achievements and failures, their strong and weak points, and cooperate with the school in the educational project.