Hearts, Kisses, Love, or just DRAMA?

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Did you know that 7% of middle school and high school relationships end up with the couples getting married? The other 93% don’t make it.  Where do you stand on middle school dating?  Here are two sources that talk about the pros and cons of dating.

**Against:**

Have you noticed people in the hallways kissing or holding hands?  Some may think that this is cute, but many think it is just gross.  Dr. Barbara Greenberg talks about how students who date in middle school are more likely to have bad study habits and drop out of school.  Second, Dr. Greenberg also says that students who date can become distracted and neglect friendships. Lastly, some sources tell that students who date in their teens can be lead to teen pregnancy and drug use.  Dating at this age can lead to the transfer of diseases such as mono and AIDS through kissing and other dating related things.

**For:**

However, dating does not have to be as tragic as many think it may be. For one, being involved in a relationship can make a person mature at an earlier age. This is due to the fact that being in relationships cause people to realize the importance of compromising. Also, not all middle school relationships end up badly. Relationships always teach people life lessons as they progress, from trust to honesty. Many people argue about diseases that can be transmitted when two people are involved, however dating at any age can lead to these diseases no matter 13 or 30. To be honest, break ups can be bad, but as this is middle school, couples learn that mistakes are made to learn from. Even though many see middle school relationships as just plain bad, there are many people who see the good.

Therefore, it can be easily said that middle school relationships are a debatable issue and there are both the good and bad sides of the argument. Let us know what you think of middle school dating by commenting on The Talon website at www.talonnewsdesk.weebly.com.