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TPO 1 Writing 2

 Topic: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
**At universities and colleges, sports and social activities are just as important as classes and libraries and should receive equal financial support.**Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

 (opposite will be: **classes and libraries are more important than sports)**

**It is not easy to make a decision without considering the reasons for both arguments and analyzing the benefits of each option. So in my essay, I will present my opinion and will support it with logical reasons and examples. Although many people may think that classes and libraries are more important than sports, actually I agree with the given statement that sports and social activities are just as important as classes and libraries and should receive equal financial support. My decision is based on the following two reasons.**

**First, sports help with mental/emotional and physical health.** When students are emotionally healthy and do not get sick too often, they will not miss classes and will do well academically. **For example**, MIT and Harvard Universities in Boston, which are the top universities in the world require sport activities as mandatory academic course. This helps students to do well and be able **to pass classes successfully. Hence, this example very well explains my argument.**

**Secondly, having sports in college and university will help students to develop social skills.** Social skills are important **(imperative)** in today’s globalizing world where networking is needed for any job. So, social skills will help students in their future job searches. **For instance,** when I was involved in basketball activities as a college student, I not only made great friend but surely developed team/ social skill which now I mark on my Resume. **Thus, these are the explanations and reasons that support my claim.**

**BODY 3 (REFUTE)**

**Additionally, to support my argument and make it more valid, I will consider the opposite claim too and then refute it. It is true that** considering academic classes and libraries *as more important for financial support* **can be another good option (choice). One cannot deny that, if libraries get financial support, students will have more books and computers to use for college/university. However,** being emotionally and physically healthy **is better than this advantage of the opposite claim.** **That is why, I agree that sports and social activities are just as important as classes and libraries and should receive equal financial support.**

**In conclusion,** **universities and colleges need financial funding to improve libraries and offer sport activities.** **Since** being emotionally and physically healthy **and developing social skills are important; therefore,** **I agree that ( argue that) schools should receive equal financial support** for sports and for libraries.