Photography in the Classroom
a workbook

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This photography program is a concrete attempt to increase the self-understanding and the learning opportunities of elementary and junior high school students. Moreover, this approach is applicable to other educational and non-educational settings where personal growth and development is a primary objective. Hospitals, mental health clinics, halfway houses, day care centers, teacher training workshops, after-school community programs, and creative therapy institutes and training facilities would all profit from the type of photographic approach outlined on these pages.

For those lacking in self-esteem, the creation of a photograph can be a major therapeutic step in building self-confidence. Furthermore, the act of mastering the technical aspects of photography, which this program greatly simplifies and facilitates, is a dramatic sign of accomplishment both to the individual and to others.

It is our belief that people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can make meaningful and expressive photographs and that such activity is of definite positive value to the doer. Photography, after all, is not merely pretty picture taking, but is a reflection of the individual's state-of-being. As such its use should be broadened.

The following photographs are representative of the work done at the three participating schools. They were taken, developed and printed by the students.