

Synopsis

The play opens on the first day of school for teachers. Mr. Benson introduces Catherine Evans, a representative from the Office of Curriculum and Development who presents a new program requiring teachers to follow scripted lessons. Michael states that scripted lessons don't allow teachers to display "our talents as educators," which is immediately rebuked by both Benson and Evans. That same day Michael becomes acquainted with a new teacher, Selina Welsh. They eventually become romantically involved resulting in Michael ending his relationship with Jenny.

Michael meets with Mr. Benson to set a date for a formal observation. During the observation, Michael deviates from the proscribed script. Benson is furious, storms out of Michael's classroom, and denotes the observation Unsatisfactory. Jerry Feldman, the teachers' union representative, meets with Michael to discuss what happened. Michael briefly tells him about it, packs his school bag, and enters Selina's classroom. There he discovers Selina and the school's gym teacher in a romantic embrace.

A meeting is held to discuss Benson's findings concerning the observation. In attendance are Benson, Michael, Feldman, and Catherine Evans. After discussing Benson's results, Evens reads a letter from Selina Welsh accusing Michael of sexual harassment. Michael is placed on probation until a formal investigation is completed. The final is a conversation between Michael and his mother, who is appalled at what has happened.