

#32-Declaration of Teenager Independence

When in the course of teenage events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve these outrageous bands which have connected them with the schools, and to assume among the powers of the school, the separate and unequal stations to which the laws of the school and of the school's principal doesn't entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of school requires we teenagers to declare the causes which impel us to the separation from this prison.

We the teenagers of Spring Valley Middle High School, hold these truths to be self-evident: that all teens are created equal; that they are endowed by their teachers with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of stress free classes. That, to secure these rights, teachers are instituted among teens, deriving their just powers from the consent of the principle; that, whenever and type of teacher becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the teens to alter or demolish it, and to create a new school, laying its foundation on fair principles, and organizing its powers in such way, as to them shall seem most affect their attitudes and relaxation at night. Today, this unfair treatment will be abolished.

They have refused us the simple right of expressing ourselves. One way we express ourselves is through our clothes. We can't wear any tank tops, cutoffs, shorts reaching your fingertips. Girls shoulders are too distracting, guys showing their armpits distract us. We shouldn't have to struggle with getting dress in the morning and worry about getting dress coded. We want to be comfortable. We want to be confident in what we wear. We will be happier if we have more room in these strict rules.

They have refused us the simple right of free lunch. School lunch is like taking garbage out of the trash can and eating it. Everyone knows that. One serving of this garbage is not enough to fill a growing teens stomach. The issue is, is that kids struggle trying to find money to get extra food when

they barely get anything in the first place. Inmates in prison get free lunch why cant learning and growing students have free lunch too?

They have refused us the simple right of leaving during 8th hour. There are so many over achievers in this school many kids have jobs and sports after school. We have 45 minutes everyday where kids just sit around and do nothing. Some nap, play on their phones, play games for 45 minutes. From personal experience, it is better to just leave early. It would be nice to go home or go to your job and have more time to in the night to actually spend time with your family. This should only be allowed if you have good grades.

They have refused us the simple right of making decisions for ourselves. This is shown for required field trips, required classes, and required to go to school. We can't make the choice to stay in class instead of wasting your day looking at a art museum. We can't make the choice of having to go to school. If a teen already has their future lined up leave them be!

They have refused us the simple right of choosing our classes. Every year, classes are picked by students. Every year, students complain about not getting any of the classes they requested. The classes these teens take will affect what college they want to go into or will be getting accepted in. Choosing their classes will affect their motivation to go to school in a good way. If we can actually have the classes we requested we can work on getting the classes you need before college and meet the requirements.

They have refused us the simple right of staying home when sick. We are allowed 10 days to be gone other than sick. Many people have gotten sick with the flu and infections and need to be home and rest for at least a week. Everyone gets sick more than once a year. We are bad for missing school for medical illnesses and are punished with detentions. We can't help the fact that we got sick and are running a fever. It is not fair.

They have refused us the simple right of open campus lunch. A lot of people don't eat lunch. The lunch has no flavor and could use a sprinkle of salt and pepper on it. Maybe then people will start eating lunch. Our school is less than a mile from subway. Is there tons of harm loading up a bus to go down there or letting us drive ourselves? We just want some decent food.

We the teenagers have brought these issues into light. We constantly get shut down for acting out in anger when we are not heard. We are foolish for wanting these simple requests. Is it that hard to bring in these accommodations? This will make us teens want to come to school. Not to feel like we walk into a prison.

We, therefore, the Teenagers of Spring Valley Middle High School, assembled by our attitudes, appealing to the Schools of Spring Valley for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good Teens of these schools, solemnly publish and declare, That us teenagers are, and of Right ought to be free and independent from these absurd rules of the school. We are finally declaring some freedom and a happier environment for all.