

#35-The Teenagers' Declaration of Independence

There are many continuous problems with our school and as a fellow student I would like to bring some of these problems to light. Some of the big problems that I see are the teachers/staff having favorite students and being unfair to others. Other points to get at are group projects, time, and school in general.

All of the teachers/staff favor students in many different ways. Some of these ways are with students that do well in their class, suck up to the teacher, or even based on the gender of the student. Many teachers tend to favor the girls in their classes. The teachers and staff tend to be sexist in favor to the girl, even some will go out of their way to pick on, or argue with the boys. This seems to be a problem in many schools in the area.

Some people don't get along with each other, so when teachers decide to pick the groups for "group" projects some of the students don't do any of the work or let others do work. This could be solved by allowing students to pick their groups. Is it even fair that you can get points docked for something someone else wouldn't let you do? The only way to get your grade up is to do things to get points, but when others don't allow you to anything it's hard. As a student I know I don't like being in groups with people that don't like me nor do I like because it causes tension and others don't get along. I believe as a student we have the right to pick our groups and as long as we get the work done in time and do well there should be no problem.

The main problem with school is the time it takes up. Some students have work or sports after school and they don't have the time to do everything. Students have to get up early in the morning to get ready for school not having enough sleep. As well as getting up early some students don't get to sleep at a good enough time to make up for how early they have to get up. Some students have a job or are in sports so they don't get done until later and then they have to do homework so they don't get a bad grade. Do you like getting bad grades because your schedule is full and you don't have the time to do everything you need to because you have to be up late? This causes many problems because students aren't getting enough sleep and end up falling asleep in school and it is a health concern having a lack of sleep. School should be shorter or have a later start so students can get more sleep to make their schedule work and so they can perform the best they can.

School is a forced thing upon everybody whether they need it or not. Students that excel in their grades and can manage their time well should have the ability to decide if they should be in school or not. A lot of students don't like school because of all the problems that schools have and think they'd be better off not being in school and having a job instead so they can start the next part of their life instead of being stuck in school.

We need to come out against these problems that the teachers and staff, so school is more enjoyable to the students and will better fit our schedules. We would mutually benefit if these changes were to occur because we wouldn't be as tired in class and would be able to focus better. We as the students should be treated equally as to teachers because we have to be here as the staff had the decision to do this.