

The Declaration of Teenage Independence

When in the course of growing up and becoming adults it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the shackles our community has put on us that controls us from making our own choices. And to do this we shall rid of these opinions of immaturity from the powers that have watched us all our lives, we shall be given the respect and privileges in our school. These are the opinions of teenkind and will be declared for seperation.

We as teens should be given the opportunities to experience things without having oppressors, such as our parents and school. We should all be treated as equals and shall be given the freedom to learn and experience things when and where we want. We should be given a great education system and the right to work for homework free days. We don't need our parents to hold our hands anymore; we should be given more power and the right to change these things that control us.

They have mandated classes and work in school that is pointless for people trying to do other things with their lives than attending university. Most classes we've been assigned are useless for the things that we are looking forward to study later on.

They have restricted us from leaving school at lunch to go to our own homes or a local place instead we are made to endure the muck they give us here. We are growing kids and need nutrients for growth. It feels like we are very limited to what we are allowed to eat here.

They don't allow us to leave 8th hour even if we are green level or have an honor card. Teens who have worked hard and achieved this level should be allowed the right to go home rather than be forced to sit in school with nothing to do but gossip. We should be given the freedom to choose how we spend this free hour if we have achieved this level or honor.

They give us great amounts of homework; too much homework. Homework even when we have extra curricular activities many students in the school partake. Extra curricular activities that can provide scholarships for higher education. Extra curricular activities that make us well rounded students, which is attractive to higher education institutions. They give us homework on the weekends that messes with all of our plans with friends and family. There is no break from homework making every day as stressful as the next which is very hard on us as teenagers.

They do not give us the right to our own property. We should not have to give up our phones if not disrupting the learning of other students in the classroom. We should not have to give them up if we are using them for educational purposes. Technology is a part of who we are and can provide a much needed break from the constant stress placed upon us by those controlling us as well as providing us with a great resource for educational purposes.

They treat us with a double standard. We aren't allowed free access to go to the restrooms even when we need to go bad, yet teachers can excuse themselves whenever they need to go. We have strict due dates on assignments and are punished if the deadlines are not met, yet teachers get very behind on grading sometimes and we are ignored or brushed off when we ask about it.

They have people on the school board that don't even have kids in the system pushing their own agendas and making decisions that go purely off opinion. These decisions are made without the best interest of the kids at heart.

All of these things have been brought up to staff or the school board, and yet are ignored. That is why as the teenagers of the United States of America of Spring Valley High School, with the approval of others teens around us, ask for the right to watch over ourselves. We shall have the rights of adults so we can go from the same rules that they do. As the future of this powerful nation, we are making ourselves a group of leaders and world changers. For the support of this declaration, we shall pledge to each other our lives, phones, and our honor cards.