

The Teenager's Declaration of Independence

As teenagers we should have our own rights. If it's religion, the dress code, homework, phones, etc. Us teenagers are getting treated like dirt. We deserve better than that. Teenagers have it rough for our age. Things need to change for our generation. Here's what we need to change:

Dress Code

When you come to school, do you want to get judged on what you are wearing or how you look? Of course not. Us students should dress how we want. Not how the staff wants. If the staff wants the students to be focus and learn, then why not let them wear what they want.

We, the teenagers of Spring Valley Middle/High School declare that we are allowed to wear what most fits us. It seems like girls are always have to change, but when a guy wears a cut off shirt nothing happens. Or when there are practices after school they can walk around without a shirt. In school boys can wear whatever they want. When can girls get a break and finally get wear what they want.

The dress code is to keep kids from wearing things that they shouldn't be wearing. If the school didn't want to deal with that then why not bring school uniforms in. School uniforms would help but it wouldn't at the same time. Teenager's dress in what they are most happy in or dress like how they think about themselves. Every teenager is different in there choose of style. I know for a fact that I would want to be warm and cozy then fancy. Why do we need to wake up in the morning and think "What will be good for school?" or "What can I wear that I won't get in trouble?". We shouldn't that is the thing. I would like to wake up and throw something that fits me as a person then the school.

If the school wants to be a better school then take the dress code down. We don't need it. Kids should know that they can't wear inappropriate things. I see the faces when girls get pulled to the side in the hall. Its mad and sad. Girls do not want to get told what they should wear when they probably get it from there parents.Us teenagers are getting told what to wear when it's not even from our parents.

When is all this madness done? Now. Later. Never! School is a safe haven. When I come into school I want to be free to be who I am. Without my family judging me. I love walking in to school and all the stress is gone. I may not like school, but it's a good place to be for getting away. Something could be going on at home and you can come to school knowing that your friends will be there to help you. But NO you get dress coded. How does that make you feel? Worse! In Spring Valley the " Dress Code" is getting way out of hand.

No Homework on Fridays

They the teachers have taken away our Fridays of fun and excitement by giving us homework. Fridays we have football games and practices where we get home really late. Yes! We have all weekend to do it but sometimes our weekends get really busy and can't do it. On weekends we need time away of school. If we didn't have weekends everyone would be dead. Us teens need the weekend to ourselves without homework to worry about! When we have homework on weekends everyone forgets about it. That's when the work gets sloppy when they are rushing to get it done in the mornings.

School Lunches

Us teenagers need better lunches for our health and mind. If we had better school lunches we could be more focus and have better attitudes. The school should give you many choices to pick for lunch instead of two. I asked students if they could change the food what would you change, they said " School lunches would be better if there was real meat." Someone else said " I would want stuffed shells for pasta or more stuff to put on tacos."

Computers

There are enough computers in the whole school where everyone could have one. Half of our homework is now writing or essays. If everyone has a computer they could get there homework done before class. A lot of students don't have computers at there house to get the homework done. I think that if everyone has a computer the students grades will go up because they can get what they have done. Also, there will be a "Take home" sign out sheet. These sign out sheets will be the same and the normal ones that we have now. It will have you name, the date of the day your taking through the day you bring it back, and it will have you computer number.

Tests All On One Day

Us teenagers already hate tests as it is but when we have four on one single day we get stressed and upset. Us teenagers already have too much on our plates to do, then we have to go home and study for four tests for the next day. I think NOT. Tests should be spreaded out so there not all crammed into one day. There are even in the school that like taking tests that even get angry about having more than two tests a day.

The School

Our school is boring I'm just going to come out and say it. But it is there is hardly any color or even music. This school needs to have some fun. The hallways could even have some colored blocks or colored ceiling tiles. There don't need to be a lot of color but a little would make the school a lot better than it is.

Off Campus Lunch ~ (Subway and Team Oil Only)

School lunches are not always the best to eat. Not everyone eats the school lunches. I mean I don't even eat lunch but if we had off campus lunch I would eat lunch. School lunches don't give the things you need. Us teenagers think food is everything and if the food is not good our mood goes down. If we had it then everyone would be happy.