

The unanimous Teen Declaration of Independence

When in course of human occurrences, it becomes essential for a group of people to abandon themselves from the strict, rightless life and break free to the life created by God for everyone to be free and have the right to do what you want.

We, the teenagers of the United States of America, believe that all people should be treated the same, we believe that the school should have an open campus, we believe that there should be no homework on the weekends, we believe that we should be fed properly, and we demand change.

I believe that the High School should have an open campus to select students. If you have an honor card which you only need a 3.0 GPA to have one, should be able to leave school at lunch. The school lunch is far from enough food for high school students and with an open campus students can go home, go somewhere to eat as long as they are back in time for 6th hour. Punishment is easy, if a student isn't back in time then they will lose their privileges. Students are ravenous going into lunch and with the food they give it's not helping anything which is causing students to get doubles.

I believe that every week in school there should be a shortened day. Us teens can't handle five long, exhausting 8 hour days every week. I believe that every week there either be an early release or late start, students have to spend so much time at school every week that we should be allowed to have one half day a week. Also to go with time, school should not start until at least 9:00 a.m. . This would be very helpful for everyone because then students would be more awake and get to sleep more. At Oxford college they delayed class an hour to see if it improved exam scores and it did exactly that. Also neuroscientists say we are biologically predisposed to go to sleep around midnight and not feel fully awake and engaged until between 9am and 10am.

The students at Spring Valley High School should be able to wear hats to school. There is absolutely nothing wrong with wearing a hat in school. Do teachers really think we have guns under them? Who cares if we wear hats, not everybody has to wear them, but if you want to wear a hat then you should be able to wear one. Hats are comfy, look good, and cover up bad hair days, also I could not see how they could distract anyone from learning.

My fellow classmates and I agree that there should be vending machines around the school. Teenagers need more to eat than just a snack that the school calls lunch. It's not healthy for us students to only have one thing to eat the entire school, also if we would be able to eat then we would be more awake and pay more attention in class. Like honestly what is so bad about eating

food at school? Because our school makes it seem like it's a crime if we eat anything that's not during lunch.

We believe that there should not be homework assigned on nights of sporting events. After sporting events there is no way to get all the homework we have assigned done, even if we get it done then we are going to get no sleep and will be falling asleep in every class. Even if it was a home game, everyone is going to be super tired and just want to go to bed not stay up until midnight or later doing homework. On school days that there are sporting events then the teacher should either shorten the assignment or give us class time to work on it the next day.

I and a majority of the High School think that semester tests are worth way more of your grade than they actually should be. Semester tests are all loaded up in two days so we are all scrambling to study every subject and then they are worth a huge chunk of your grade which to me is ridiculous. Throughout the semester we prove that we know everything about all the subjects through worksheets, quizzes, and tests. So why would it be necessary to have one huge test on every subject in the entire semester after we took separate tests on each one. Also how are we supposed to remember stuff that we learned on the first days of the semester for a test that's a half of a school year later?

My classmates and I believe that we should be able to have drinks and snacks in class. Snacks or drinks aren't going to stop the student from learning anything. If we the students are hungry in class then we should be able to have snacks, I'm not saying have whole meals in here but just like crackers or granola bar should be allowed. Also drinks should definitely be allowed in every class. If students could bring beverages other than just water it would be helpful for the students and teachers. The teachers wouldn't have to have students out of the classroom going to the water fountain, and if you are a student you wouldn't want to miss important details about the lesson. Since we can have water in classes why can't we have other beverages as long as they are in a bottle?

Therefore, we, the teenagers of Spring Valley and the United States of America ask for you to help us with our intentions and help carry through with this. With the approval of all other teens everywhere solemnly swear to put all the laws written above into action immediately. We have the same powers and rights of adults so therefore we must follow the same rules as adults. We are a brand new generation that is smart, innovative, and have a very bright future. And, for the support of this declaration, we the students pledge to each other our life's, rights, and beauty sleep.