

The Declaration of Teenage Independence

There is a time in a young adult's life, when they need to be treated as what they are, young adults and not kids, in order to grow and learn in their own way and start to learn the ways to live on their own, break away from the ties and chains of the group ruling over them, and become their own self-dependent person. The upbringing of these persons has been a progress of 16 years and it is a necessity to become their own being not reliant on anyone but their own self, instead of being oppressed and weighed down by their tyrannical authorities.

We, the teenagers of the United States of America, believe in these truths to be self-evident, that we must be treated appropriately in accordance to our age, and not be restricted by rules that are also applied to kids. As teenagers, we know these things affect us and we understand that we are not being treated right. These rights are to be Freedom of decisions, more Privileges, and a Homework-Free Weekend. We do not want to be treated as if we are still in diapers. We want to be treated with respect and equality, including more power and a change in what we have and what we are given.

They have given us responsibilities and respect as if we are children like taking our phones away but when we try to argue to get our phones back we are told no and shut down even though it's our property.

They have given us work that is useless and pointless but just to keep us busy and when they do give us these silly tasks, they give us very little time to complete them such as too many math problems when we already understand the subject but are still expected to do 30 more when we only have a half of an hour to finish and still have another class' homework to do.

They give us the same restrictions as middle schoolers such as not being able to have more class options but when we ask for more classes or less required classes we are told it would be too hard to get more classes or switch classes even though it would benefit us greatly if they did.

They make us stay at the school during lunch when we have other options such as Subway or our own food, just because it would "cost them too much."

They make us stay during WIN time when some people have grades good enough so they don't need to stay at the school to do nothing. But they give us the same excuse as not letting have open-campus for lunch.

They give us tests and exam on the same day as other ones like semester exams which overload our brains and cause us to forget all the studying we had been doing the night before but we are shot down when ask for them to be on a different day.

They make sure we can't call in sick for ourselves by forcing our parents to call in and right a note when it would be easier and simpler for us to do it ourselves. Instead when we try, they say no and count it as an absent and don't believe us.

They don't let us have a say in any of the decisions made like not letting us have a say in the teachers working here or what classes are taught. When we try to say something on the subject we are immediately shut down and we are told that it would be "too hard" to get more classes or to change classes. Should we not have a say in choices made since they do have an affect on us and our futures directly?

They don't let us have any say in votes, thinking that we are too childish and uneducated about who we are voting for. It's our future. We should be able to decide who we are being led by.

They give us curfew because they don't trust us enough to be by ourselves and have our own responsibility to get home safely. Instead we are told it is a law and can't change it. Are we not old enough to be trusted to get home by a certain time?

We the teens of the United States of America, hereby declare these rights to be ours, and to be independent from the state that is oppression, from our former rulers. We now have the rights, responsibilities, and the ability of decision making of adults . We now rule over ourselves and have the power to do what we need in order to grow and learn in the ways we need to, so we can become functioning adults. We pledge our honor to each other in allegiance of each other. We own ourselves. We own our futures. We take our freedom.