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| What is the purpose of school? | What do you like about school? | What do you dislike about school? | What are the most important things taught in school and what are they important for? |
| * Get money * Socialize * Free babysitting * Get a job * Free trial of life for 18 years * Imitates “real” world stress level * Some jobs less stressful * Preparing you for minimum wage job * Getting you ready for college and lectures * Whole life is school because you never stop learning. * Get diploma and degree * Get a chance at a better job * After getting a job, degree has no use. | * Socialization * Lunch * Recess * PE * HCl * Lunch variety * Dress code * Variety of subjects help identify interests * Challenges help see potential * Sometimes challenges too hard and put down * Sets the foundation * Helps fit in society * Workload increase helps learn to handle. | * Some subjects better than others * Homework * Graded homework * Can’t make up quizzes * Pop-quizzes * Pop-tests * Pop-timed-writings * Over-emphasis on grades * Things could be irrelevant 10 years from now * Not having recess * Sitting waiting in PE * Drastic shifts in workload * Lack of sleep * Hallway congestion * Rules regulating backpacks * Lockers that don’t work * Discipline system weak. Just talking to students instead of discipline. * Stricter discipline needed. More consistent. * Kids who try not to follow the rules. * Punishments (ISS/OSS) aren’t effective. Just gives kids who didn’t want to do it anyway a way out. * Maybe need incentive programs for students. * Punishments should maybe be work. * Home needs to cooperate more with school. * Positive incentives vs. Punishments. * Need better incentives. * Don’t like stereotypes of Gifted vs. Zoned Students; separating and bad for unity * Teachers sometimes stereotype and help create separation between students | * Teamwork * Social skills to operate in the world * Core subjects * Science (dangerous chemicals) * Math used everyday life; most meaningful * English important for writing skills * Kindergarten learn almost nothing * Kindergarten learn the basics for functioning in society (social) * Social part of school * Degrees only help some people. Many jobs don’t need degree. * Degrees often for show and don’t indicate meaningful learning. * Commitment is important * Work ethic * Don’t need help figuring out what society needs in 10 years because “we” are society. We will experience the change. * Schools adapt already. “We” change the school as society. * Need to experiment and take risks in new school programs and in life. * Some people may have had a different opportunities. * All people have the same opportunities. * GT just means you are different, not dumb/smart. * Stereotypes create unnecessary segregation. |