

Essay

Please write and title a 500-700-word essay on the following theme:

In what ways would you change how your School District prepares graduating students for life as young adults?

I would change the way the School District prepares graduating students for life as young adults by teaching about real life skills. They should teach us how to pay taxes, how to study in college, how to pay bills, etc. Yes, these are things that our parents can help teach us, but not everyone has parents that are able to do said things. Learning these things during my high school days rather than learning how to solve equations involving letters in math class could better prepare us. I would like to be taught more practical things that most of us never have to experience as high school students. I would like to learn how to change my oil, change a tire, how to pay bills, how to get a job, how to obtain a promising career, and so much more. Preparing our students prior to graduation with examples like these could allow us to start our life after graduation a little less stressful.

Another thing I would change would be that schools taught graduating students more people skills. Students need to learn how to interact with others in a more polite way. Students tend to go out into this world with a “know-it-all” attitude and do not realize that being wrong about something is a normal thing. Some students do not know how to be around new people or get along with others. There are so many people skills that I wish were taught to us as students. I realize that this should be a common sense or skills learned from our parents or guardians, but when we’re at school a majority of our time for twelve years, people learn improper manners and interactions from their surrounding peers. I just wish that students could be taught the correct ways to speak to others and interact with others. Maybe by adding a few seminars or guest speakers throughout high school could help instill good behaviors and communication skills between others.

One very important thing our School District could change would be to re-add Drivers Education back into our elected class selection. Some students, especially young drivers think they are professional race car drivers or think they know how to drive when they most certainly do not. Some students get to the age of sixteen years old and have no idea how to control a car, know the proper road signs, how to drive in the snow or rain. By adding Drivers Education back into our elected classes, it could teach how to drive in different types of weather, possibly lessen the risk of accidents, and increase knowledge about driving skills.

Students should also be taught critical thinking and problem solving. Students do not understand how to find their way around a problem and gather a solution. Students are not used to doing such things nowadays. If they cannot solve a simple problem in high school, how are they expected to solve their problems and get through their struggles once they are on their own in the real world?

Lastly, students need to be taught leadership skills. Students need to be aware on how to speak kindly to others, show them correct ideas, help influence them to do the right thing, and show them how to persevere through life and strive to succeed. Leadership skills are undoubtedly lacking from most people nowadays. No matter what position you chose in your future career, you will have instruction from others, you may have a boss, you may be the boss, but no matter what, you will always want to set a positive and influential model for others to follow.

There will always be things in life that just “pop up” regardless of how much education or skills you have learned throughout your life, but if we have a voice to someday make life a little less stressful and easier to obtain a successful future for someone else, these are a few things I think I would change to make that happen for others.

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