

In my opinion, the Thayer School District does a good job of preparing their students for life as young adults. I think they do an especially good job at giving their students the education necessary for starting college, but there are a couple more classes they could offer that could help graduating students get a leg up in some colleges. One of these classes would be any type of foreign language. The Thayer School District's only foreign language class is a Spanish class that you must take online. It would be nice to have more foreign language courses offered, as many colleges now will expect you to have two foreign language credits.

Another way the Thayer School District could help graduating students prepare for life as a young adult is to offer more career exploration opportunities. Whether it be a school field trip or a just representative from a job nearby, it is always nice to know what different opportunities you have after you graduate from high school. Even if you are not going straight into the workforce once you have left high school, exploring different careers can help you to find what you want to go to college for.

The Thayer School District could also help those who want to go to college after they graduate from high school by giving them more study skills at a younger age. Although I have not had to study for many of my high school tests, I will most definitely have to study for the tests that I have to take in college. It may not be a big enough issue to make a whole course about studying, but it would be nice if different studying tactics were taught to students at the junior high level. These studying tactics could also help students who take the upper level courses that the Thayer School District offers.

The upper level courses the Thayer School District offers are taught by some very well esteemed teachers, but I also think that Thayer could offer more challenging classes than they currently have. More upper level classes could allow for better college resumes for those wanting to go to more prestigious colleges, and it will help everyone who takes them by giving them a better understanding of the subject.

Another good idea for the Thayer School District to help graduating students transition into young adulthood would be to help students understand how finances will work in the future. The only personal finance class that the Thayer School District currently offers is an online class through Acellus. Although it is not an awful program, the things you learn through Acellus are easily

forgettable. I believe that knowing how to manage your own finances will help you to live comfortably in the future.

I believe that all of these areas can be improved in the future and most likely will be as the Thayer School District tends to push towards a better education every year. Presently there may be a few things that could be changed, but I think that the Thayer School District does a very good job of helping students preparing to graduate begin their journey out of high school. These young adults coming out of Thayer have an education that will allow them to pursue their goals, whether it be getting a job straight out of high school or heading to college.