

Down the Hall

Last year, we asked five incoming freshmen what they thought high school would be like.

This month, we asked those same students how high school really did turn out...



Jessica Holbrook

Then: I think it will be really cool, because we can finally get away from the middle school kids and meet new people.

Now: It's been fun, I guess. It has been really different from the middle school.

James Leger

Then: A lot of time spent getting lost, trying to find your way around and making a good impression, because you'll be so tense trying to do the right thing.

Now: James Leger transferred from RCHS in the fall; therefore, he was unavailable for this issue.



Allie Mink

Then: I think it will be awesome, because I know most of the people up here and we get to get away from the middle school.

Now: It's better than the middle school. You have more freedom and the classes are easier.

Justin Prewitt

Then: I guess it will be great; somewhere new, new teachers, and you get to meet new people.

Now: It was just like I thought. It's a lot better than middle school.



Sarah Parsons

Then: I think high school will be very fun and interesting. A lot more people to meet and a lot more classes.

Now: It's not really that interesting, and it's not as big of a change, but it's better than the middle school.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I am writing about the article in the last issue of *The Rocket* called "After school pick-up policy in need of a tune up." When I read this article it made me angry. After all RCHS is a public school, right? I thought it was, but it seems to me that no one is allowed to pick up his or her child between 2:45 and 3:10. Does that sound like a public school to you?

My sister has called the high school at least two times this year telling whoever answers the phone in the office that she will be picking me up after school. Whenever I find this out, I am at my house. I am never told that my sister will be picking me up. We live on Brindle Ridge, which is not close to Mt. Vernon or the high school. We live probably ten miles from school, so my sister has wasted gas, money, and time coming all the way to the high school to find that I have ridden the bus home because someone in the office cannot tell me that she is picking me up. My sister says it was the same person who answered the phone both times. She also said that she sounded really angry, as if she had something else to do. My sister said that if she knew where I needed to be 24 hours a day, she could tell me before I came to school, but who knows where they are going to be at 24 hours a day? I sure don't. Disgusted, Mary Mink

Dear Journalism Staff,

Referring to the article "Shouldn't we respect our elders", we believe that the manner in which this article had been written was very disrespectful toward the underclassmen. We would also like to emphasize the shame put upon the seniors for those remarks to-

ward their peers.

In the article it states that the crown would put a senior in the "role model" position. What if this person wasn't "role model" material? Respect doesn't come in a package with the crown, respect is won by personalities.

With the crown going to Miss Tammy Dees, if I were her, I would be terribly offended by this article.

The homecoming queen is based upon popular vote by the student body. Forcing students to vote for the senior classmen would raise the level of prank voting by the underclassmen.

Seniors receive many honors and recognitions but can't seem to get enough. Like it says in the article, you get to go to prom, get class rings, and letterman jackets. We underclassmen have two chances to be recognized publicly in this school and those chances are Homecoming (both football and basketball). We can't be left out in the cold. After all, you seniors had a fair chance to win when you were underclassmen. Don't knock the "non-elders" for their amount of popularity due to snobby seniors.

Seniors get enough privileges as it is, keeping in mind the fact that we too will soon be seniors. If we gave them more, that would make them more unprepared for when they make it into college and the real world.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Owens, et al.

Dear Editor,

I have heard a lot of people complaining about the dress code, mostly the girls. They say that we don't need it, that people should get to wear what we want.

I think that the dress code is a good idea. However, I know some people could wear a shirt that

showed their belly and they would get in trouble, but the girls like the ones on the basketball team and the cheerleaders can wear them and not get in trouble.

I think that this problem should have been taken care of at the beginning of the year. I understand the dress code, and if everyone can't go by it then we should have to wear uniforms to school.

I think that if the dress code is going to be enforced it should be for everyone, not just some--no matter who they are or how much money they have.

Sincerely,
Amy Powell

Dear Editor,

A big controversy that's occurring in our school today deals with the dress code. For a shirt to be acceptable at RCHS it has to be long enough to not show any skin when you bend over, raise your arms, or when you sit down. It also has to be long enough to be tucked in and stay tucked in. An acceptable length for your shorts is 3 inches above your knee. This has been a major problem.

I believe that as long as your shirt doesn't show any skin when walking or standing that it should be acceptable. Today, unless you're wearing a t-shirt, it's really hard to find a shirt to meet these standards. If the dress code is this strict now then we might as well have school uniforms. I think that our dress code needs to be revised to something that's actually reasonable.

Sincerely,
Casey Taylor

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vantage of the rules. Many teachers also started to complain about students violating the dress code, however not every teacher refers students when a violation occurs.

Noble stated clearly that it was a teacher's full responsibility to send a student to the office if there is a problem.

He also commented that it wasn't the teacher's responsibility to deal with the problem themselves. All they have to do is send

the problem to him and he will take care of it.

According to Noble, the way a students dresses doesn't affect their learning, but it may affect the learning ability of those around them.

Just as any other rule in the hand book should be followed, so should dress code. The rules apply to everyone all of the time.

"Consistency is most important when dealing with rules and discipline," Noble says.

So put the shorts back in your closet and tuck in those shirts. Just because it's warm outside doesn't mean the dress code has changed.

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