



ACT Writing

Prompt: In some high schools, special privileges such as leaving school at lunch, parking in reserved areas, and having early release times are available only to seniors. Some educators support offering such privileges to seniors because they think that this policy would increase the number of seniors who stay in school and graduate. Other educators do not agree that such privileges should be reserved for seniors because they think this policy would create unnecessary and unfair divisions among students. In your opinion, should special privileges be available only to high school seniors? In your essay, take a position on the question. You may write about either of the two points of view given, or you may present a different point of view on this question. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position

Student Writing:

Special privileges tend to be rampant throughout life beginning when you are a young child, watching your older siblings eat ice cream while you are segregated with to when an undeserving coworker receives a promotion due to the fact that he has worked longer at the vicinity than yourself. I believe it to be a fact of life that others will be allowed certain rewards whether or not it is fair or just. My parents have long instilled this belief into me. Personally, being allowed to exit a school campus to alleviate hunger, not having to walk great distances because you are granted reserved parking of coming and going to school as you choose do not fit under a category of special privileges only to be granted to students belonging to the highest tier – seniors. I believe rewards are given to individuals, and not to a group of people, no matter what motives are involved, such as keeping kids in school.

Leaving for school for lunch has always been a debate at my school, and I can not deny that I, myself, have been caught and reprimanded for such an act because leaving the campus is prohibited at our school. I have learned that since our facility for learning has insufficient funds and is barely getting by, therefore it relies heavily on the school lunch program as means for revenue. Students being able to leave for lunch would stimulate the local economy, yes, but would hurt our pathetic school further. In regards to this knowledge of mine, leaving school to eat is no special privilege, it is a death threat for my school. I believe that this reward should not be available to any of our students, including seniors.



The issue of reserved parking is completely preposterous to me as well. I am fairly certain that using this as a temptation for seniors to not drop out of school is far-fetched even though Michigan has rough winters and being twenty feet closer to the doorway filled with warmth may have some appeal. If you think about the number of people that even can legally drive, it generally rules out the freshman class, which means parking COULD be much worse if there were an extra two hundred vehicles to maneuver around every morning. I adamantly believe that if a student will drop out, it won't matter how many "special privileges" have been handed to them because the sheer sight of the building is enough to steer them away. Frankly, parking closer to a building is not a special privilege at all. I do believe that close parking should be reserved for handicapped people, humans who are actually in need of such a service, opposed to the mere fact that a student is in his or hers last year of high school.

Most students dream of leaving school and whenever they please, but my spanish teacher always said "we wouldn't be at school if the time hear wasn't to be spent wisely" and it stuck with me. Being at school is an opportunity that is given to us and the option of leaving early should not be offered. Learning times should not be hindered because you are "older". College is right around the corner and developing bad habits such as succumbing to your wants of leaving instead of practicing self control can damage your future.

Rewards should not be given to students that can damage the future.