



# If We Ran the School

Students would arrive in stretch limos, say a prayer, let out for recess, serve chicken nuggets for lunch, plant flowers, tutor other students, and ban the bullies



## Superhero curriculum

If I ran my school, everyone would read comic books, so they would know about superheroes. At recess we would watch superhero movies. In kindergarten, they'd learn about Spiderman and Friends. First graders would learn about Batman. Second graders: Flash, the fastest man alive. In third grade: Superman. Fourth grade: The Fantastic 4. Fifth grade: Just Spiderman. Sixth grade: Iron Man. Seventh grade: Super Villains. Eighth grade: X-men. Ninth grade: Green Lantern. Tenth grade: Zorro. Eleventh grade: The Hulk. Twelfth grade: The Incredible Hulk.

And when they graduate, they all will be a Superhero Freak, like I am.

*Holden Huffman, Lenoir*

## The cool school

If I ran my school, it would be cool.  
If you walked in, you would drop to your knees and drool.  
I would build a Burger King, McD's and Taco Bell.  
When you walk in, you would think, "What the...?"  
My school would make you all act-a-fool  
and make you drool.  
It would be just plain out cool.

*Zach Crowe, Perquimans County*



Thanks to all the students and teachers who sent us student ideas for what they would do if they ran their schools. You can see more at our Web site. Next month we'll publish a gallery of your favorite photos. (Deadline was July 15.) For more themes and the rules of our "Nothing Could Be Finer" series, see page 19.



## Pets, pizza, flowers, jewelry

Pets could come to school everyday. Everyone would go skating every Friday. I would get people who caused trouble. I would walk around the classrooms to see who is doing good. We would have hamburgers, pizza and veggies everyday for lunch. I would stop kids from running. I would have beautiful flowers all around. I would see people learning to read and write. I would help people and wear lots of jewelry.

*Ashleigh McCoy, Marshville, Pee Dee EMC*

## New rules

An opportunity for a 14-year-old to run his or her own school is a dream come true. If I were to run Weldon High School, I would first remodel our whole school because it is really old. I would make sure that our school has a pool placed in the gym along with a pool table, exercise equipment and a vending machine full of refreshments for only five cents, anything you want.

As for breakfast and lunch, our school will serve sausage, bacon and eggs, grits, and all kinds of breakfast juices. For lunch, chicken nuggets, fries, steak and healthy fruits and vegetables. That's just some of the stuff that would be served.

Students would be able to wear anything they like to school as long as it isn't gang-related. If a fight occurs, the person who threw the first lick will be suspended for three days while the other will remain going to school.

The 9th through 12th grades will each have four basic classes such as algebra, English, and history. And they will have two electives of their choice, such as gym, art and horticulture.

There will be a 15-minute break in between classes, including smoking breaks. If students are caught smoking illegal drugs in school other than cigarettes, they will be escorted from the school and suspended for one month with unexcused absences.

*Shanika Deloatch, Roanoke Rapids*





Luke, Kolby and Seth waiting for the school bus.

### Fishing, bubblegum and dogs

As students of Stanly County School, we would take a day off to go fishing. We would play baseball in PE everyday. Each child would receive free lunch. We would go on a field trip every month.

If we ran the school, students would be allowed to wear sunglasses and chew bubblegum. Each student would have a computer laptop and a flat-screen TV in every classroom. Our dog, Sassie, would be in the class.

Dorothy Steele, Lilesville, Pee Dee EMC

### Healthy, clean and fun

I would make it a fun place to be where the students would want to come all the time. If the teachers would make learning more fun, then the students who have a hard time making good grades would enjoy coming to school. The students that make good grades find school work easy and love coming to school. It seems that the ones that struggle to make good grades hate school. I would have well-trained tutors to help these students.

I would change the attitude of the teachers to not fuss at the kids so much. They need talk to them and treat them like they would want to be talked to and treated.

I would enforce that there be no bad language, and fighting would not be tolerated.

I would have a healthy, clean school that has no bugs or mice. It would have healthy food, clean classrooms and clean bathrooms.

Jordan Rice, Spring Lake, South River EMC

### A real liberal school

I would have skateboarding half pipes everywhere. My school would have a game dome with a PS3 and an Xbox 360. My school would have ATVs for every student and an ATV safety class where you would learn to drive and race the ATVs. There would be a paintball class and paintball fields to use during PE.

At lunch you could order anything you wanted to eat and you wouldn't have to pay for it. You could chew gum, eat in class and bring dogs and cats to school.

Junior McGee, Granite Falls

### Pay teachers more

Everybody loves Franklin Academy, and we all think it is the best school ever, but we as the students would make just a few changes. We could make reading class from two hours to one, and then the second hour we can read our A/R books. It would be like study hall just for reading. Students would get a red card for not reading books in the second hour of reading.

I think that the teachers should be paid more. They are very important to the school and the students and community. The teachers often have to buy their own supplies in order to teach. Sometimes the needs of the students are bigger than the teacher's pocket-book. I would like to see the teachers make more money, because they are very important.

Alfred D'Ottavio, Wake Forest

### Let kids be kids

Our teachers would be allowed to challenge our young minds instead of teaching only what is on the state End of Year Test.

We would take field trips to the many educational places that North Carolina has to offer. We would be allowed to be kids and not mini-adults. We would be allowed to make mistakes and learn from them and not be harshly judged and expected to think like adults. We would have the opportunity to socialize with our peers. And we would definitely have better lunches.

Ashley Stalnakar, Kinston, Tri-County EMC

### Prayer, paddling, manners

Morning prayer would be the first thing we would start off with. There would be no time out—just old-timey paddling for discipline problems. Bible reading and manners would be taught to everyone. We would have longer lunches and less homework.

Hunter Downing, Raeford, Lumbee River EMC



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