

# Honest answers

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Hundreds of years of

schooling has led to leaps and bounds of improvement on both sides of the teachers and students, but there is always more progress to be made. In January, students were asked to take a survey about what they wanted from the teachers.

Zach Hill, sophomore, figures that he learns best when teachers relate their lives or experiences to the lessons they are teaching. It creates a bond and humanizes the teacher in the student's eyes instead of them being, "... a boring person trying to stick a bunch of facts in my head," said Hill. It creates a bond between the student and the teacher that makes everyone's lives easier. On the other side of the spectrum, teachers become friends with students and poke fun at them.

Hill said, "I wish that they knew how to know when too much-making fun of a student is enough. I've seen some teachers who poke fun at other kids, and that's fine, but sometimes I feel like teachers overstep a little bit and it may hurt kids' feelings." He hopes that sometime in the near future teachers will improve at including the quiet kids. Hill said that he understands that it's easier to like

the kids that are outgoing or get a lot of answers right, but he feels that teachers need to be more careful and including.

He is fully in-person now, but when online schooling was required, Hill was frustrated. There was a delay in communication between student and teacher. "... it was such an annoyance for me when I had to wait one or two days for them (teachers) to get back to me in an email. I realize that they have lives too and stuff, but I mean if you're going to be a teacher then you need to be ready to answer the call when your students need it I guess," said Hill.

Teachers are evolving with the times, but some are still getting used to technology. For example, Mrs. Tilges, one of the art and design teachers here, said that "online" used to mean that you had fish on.

Tilges loves teaching and has been teaching here since 1998. She views becoming a teacher as one of the 'single most rewarding experiences of her life' and has not once regretted making a move to the classroom. Tilges explains that one of the hardest parts of her job is "saying goodbye to my students at the end of a quarter, year, or high school career."

Tilges hopes that students understand that teachers are trying to help improve their students as people and their knowledge. She also wished that students would refrain from falling into the trap of comparing themselves to others.

Overall, high schoolers wish that teachers would improve their communication techniques, their inclusion methods, and relate their lives to lessons so that their classes can make connections with the teachers. Whereas teachers want students to understand that they are striving to improve not only themselves and their lessons daily, but also their classes.



Ms. Combs helps her students choose the aspects for their upcoming baking project.

# Words of wisdom

By: Antonio Cayler @antoniocaylerr

Four years. Four years of roaming the halls. Four years of making friends and memories. Four years of your life that you can never get back. From collecting the rest of your credits to creating the outline for your future, senior year is the year of wrapping things up. Every individual has had their own experiences, and their own outlook on the last four years, but they can all agree that 2021 arrived quicker than they expected.

For one student in particular, high school has been a pretty good ride. "My favorite part of high school has been making and hanging out with friends.

High school has taught me to be more open, and to talk and interact with different kinds of people," said Garret

Wagner, senior.

Wagner has been in the district since Pre-K. He has been involved in football, basketball, baseball, and track. "If I could leave one piece of advice for those under me, it would probably be to treat people how you want to be treated, and to be involved because it makes high school more fun," said Wagner.

For another student, high school was a place that got better over the years. "I think high school can be a very judgmental place, and it can get on my nerves" said Brianna Starry, senior. Brianna has also been in the district since she started school, and has been involved in choir and

show choir. "My senior advice would most likely be to find those people who are there for you because once you have those people by your side, things get easier," said Starry.

Everyone has different opinions and outlooks on high school, but no matter what you think, it is always nice to take advice from those who have been through it. When going through the motions, always remember to make friends, be kind to all, and stay involved. High school is school no matter what, but one's perspective can change the whole experience. Whether you think high school is a good environment or a terrible experience, just know that these two



A group of graduates throw up their caps in celebration.

seniors found a way to enjoy it, and you can too.

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