Students Rights

Every school should supply its students with a suitable learning environment. If a school does not do this then the school isn't fit to teach students. Students should feel welcomed and at home in their school, not deprived of the thing they deserve. A learning environment should be equipped with everything a student needs to succeed, if it is not, then students should not attend such a school.

Having adequate laboratories and studios for students to complete rigorous work in science and the arts is not a privilege but a right. Every student should have the materials needed to excel in school. In reality not all students are subject to these privileges. Students at LAHS feel that they have laboratories but most of them aren't used as often as they should be. If there are laboratories available why aren't the teachers using them? These laboratories are there for a reason, to teach, and the teachers are not doing their job in teaching their students using the best materials available. Students at LAHS do not have studios for arts. Studios and arts go hand and hand. How could a school not supply students with a decent studio to work in? The arts are not meant to be taught in a regular schoolroom. A studio is the setting needed for a normal art class. So these rights are not being fulfilled. In the future when a student goes on to college and enters into a laboratory or an art studio they will not know the rules and regulations under which they are to work because they were never subject to working in such a place before. They will feel lost and will look at others who know exactly what to do and will feel inferior and upset for their old school not preparing them for such classes. Having and using laboratories and art studios is a right and every student deserves the right to enjoy such necessities.
Having an adequate lunch period is a major right of a student. Lunch is not just a time to eat, but a time to rest your mind and relax your body. Working all the time is stressful on the mind and body and can cause one to become tired often. Students at LAHS feel that their lunch period is okay but more time would be much better. They also feel that more nutritious food is something their school needs to work on. But having enough time to eat your food is the key. Having no time to sit and eat food leaves students hungry, grumpy, and tired for the rest of the day. Food replenishes the body; the body can't function correctly without food. Not having the right foods to eat can also cause a big problem. If there is no food students want to eat, they won't eat at all and it will be harder to maintain a student's attention on an empty stomach. So it is key that students have enough time and the right foods to eat during their lunch period.

At Samohi we get enough time to eat and off campus privileges to ensure that we get the food we want. Yet some still complain that we need more types of foods on campus for those who can't obtain the pass to go off campus. Our ASB pretty much takes care of our problems with lunch. We just report to them and they see that what we want is given to us, so we are taken care of. We have a variety of foods here at Samohi. I mean we have junk food in the vending machines, okay foods in the carts such as burritos, and pizza, and we have good food in the cafeteria at the salad bar.

Having restrooms and sanitary facilities that are unlocked, accessible, well-stocked and maintained in decent, safe, and sanitary condition is also a right of all students, yet only some students possess this right. Students at LAHS feel that although their restrooms are open at all the time, they are not maintained in well enough order to use. Students are at school from anywhere between 6 to 9 hours a day and not having a place to relieve themselves is morally wrong and unhealthy.

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It's as if students are being punished for being at school. Where else are they to turn when they need to use the restroom? They can't go off campus, so tell me how are they supposed to relieve themselves? School is often said to be our home away from home, but just about every home is equipped with a restroom. At Samohi our restrooms are pretty clean. We have tissue and are able to actually use the stalls. Most of the doors lock and we don't have to worry because everything we need is there for us most of the time. So a school without a usable restroom is not a complete school.

Every student deserves the right to adequate laboratories and studios, well-stocked and maintained restrooms, and adequate lunch periods and healthy food. To ensure a decent learning environment all students rights should be enforced, otherwise students will not have what is needed to succeed. So if a school lacks any of their qualities they are not fulfilling their purpose in supplying the student with an atmosphere of learning.