What does every student deserve?

We live in America, country of mixed races. It means that there are many different races including European, Asian, African and so on. USA cannot deny that they don't have any racism because there exists a majority racial group, white, and minority group. I believe that most social communities in the USA have discrimination. School is a typical example of a social community, and it is the first social community that people experience. So an idea we learned in school would influence our whole life. Most students who came from another country have experienced being treated differently than others. Every student, including immigrants, are supposed to have the same value. Every student deserves the right to announce what he/she wants to say, take any class he/she wants, and use his or her first language even if it is not English in the class.

Every student deserves to announce what he/she wants to say in the class. I used to live in Chicago for 6 months. It was the time when I just came from Korea. I was so nervous because of my problem with speaking English. I couldn't even answer if I knew it. Teachers realized that I couldn't speak English. After a couple of months, I got used to going to an American school, and was able to answer some simple questions. So I raised my hand if I knew the answer. But every teacher did not even look at me. But, they looked at me, as I would not know that answer because I couldn't speak English well. They ignored me and it seemed that they wanted me to just sit down and take notes without saying anything.

Every student deserves to take any class he/she wants. This is what occurred in Chicago also. When I first attended that school, I was terrible at English. But I was outstanding at math. Anyway, I took the math test to decide my math class. I took four or five tests. I even passed the test that was for seniors what I was a
freshman. I told one of the teachers that I wanted to take the AP class because every student who passed the test could take AP Calculus. However, she refused with derision. The reason was that my English was too bad to take an AP class. She didn't even give me another chance to ask it again. She just said no. I was so mad at her because of her rude behavior toward me. But I think that my decision, moving my school to LA, was some kind of fortune. SAMOHI allowed me to take the Calculus class. I was able to take the class that I have wanted to in LA. Now I believe that LA understands a group of people who speak English as a secondary language more than Chicago does.

Every student deserves to use his/her first language in class, even if it is not English. When I see my friend who speaks Korean, I naturally want to converse in Korean. It is natural that people prefer to speak the first language than the second one if possible. But some people who pass by us often laugh at us or look at us with a strange gaze when we speak Korean. It made us abashed, and it discourages me from speaking my first language. I am supposed to be proud of being able to speak two languages that can't be accomplished easily. But it depressed me on the contrary, and it causes me not to speak Korean even if I'm with another Korean speaker. But every student should be able to use any language he/she wants, because it is one's liberty and choice.

During the period that I have been in USA, I experienced many things, which were better than Korea. But there existed worse things also. The worst thing, which has existed, is discrimination. I want discrimination to disappear forever. We all have to learn that people are equal in the school is the first stage of social life. I argue that every student deserves to announce what he/she want to say, take any class he/she wants, and use his/her first language even if it is not English. Discrimination is the worst kind of thinking. But we all have to try to change our
stereotypes embedded in our minds. Even it if would take an extremely long period of time, we have to do it, and we will make it.