

*It's time to go back  
... to school*

## High school students have a bigger say in their own future

NC - If you're entering high school this fall, you're probably tired of people telling you that you have to be responsible and work hard, but also have fun.

But they are right. You will have a bigger say in your own future. And because it's your life, you owe it to yourself to listen to the advice and take advantage of all the help that's offered.

- Take a variety of courses including compulsory and optional subjects. Think about the long-term effects of the subject choices.

- If you choose a general level of difficulty in a subject, it may block you from taking a subject later at an advanced level. Similarly, if you choose to take subject at a basic level, it may prevent you from taking a course at the general or advanced level later on.

- Don't believe those who say there's never any homework. On average, you'll need about an hour a day. You'll have exams as well as projects and in-class presentations.

- If you have a problem, there are people at the high school who can help. If you were getting special help in elementary school, that will continue in high school.

- Use every chance to learn - ask questions, listen to the answers. Do more than you have to. Use the gym, library, participate in extra-curricular activities.

Not only are they fun, but they offer room for personal growth and an opportunity to make new friends.

Skills developed in extracurricular areas will be valuable in the future.

Music, athletics, drama and clubs offer challenging experiences which make high school years memorable.

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