

Grading a Persuasive Essay

DIRECTIONS: Read this persuasive essay written by a student. Give it a quick score by circling one of the numbers below. A score of 1 is "terrible," 3 is "average," and 5 is "excellent."

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Let's Get Out and Eat Out!

A Persuasive Paper on Off-Campus Lunch

Imagine sitting in the same loud location eating the same kind of foul food for four years of your life. That's what it's like at our high school. We are not allowed to go off campus for lunch. There are a lot of reasons we should have off-campus privileges at lunchtime. We would get better quality food. We would get a break from our teachers, and we would have more time. Also, if we didn't have to eat junk for food, our students would be happier and do better work.

The quality of the food in the cafeteria is bad. No one really likes eating the food there. Most feel it tastes like newspaper. There is just no flavor to anything, unless you consider a lot of salt as flavor. Mr. Jackson, an English teacher, said the food there is not good for us. If we could go to nearby restaurants we could get real food. For example, McDonald's and Taco Bell are right across the street with better tasting food. You can smell the glorious grilling of beef in our halls.

Another reason we should be allowed to go off campus is to get a break from our teachers. When

someone is having a bad day, it's good to get away for a while. Even a break of 20 minutes can improve your mood. This break isn't just good for the students. I bet the teachers would like a break from us too, especially since they wouldn't have to do lunch duty where they just yell at kids.

The last reason we need an off-campus lunch is to have more time to eat. Some principals will say it would take too long for us to eat off campus. They think if students go to restaurants no one will ever eat in the cafeteria again and people will lose their jobs. So, most of our lunch time is spent standing in a huge line. By the time we get our food, we have to shove it down in order to get to the next class. If we had off-campus lunch, less people would be in line at any one place.

Why can't students eat hot, moist burgers or spicy tacos instead of putrid peas? Students would get a break from their teachers. We'd have time to relax and digest our food. Come on, everyone. Tell the administration. I say, "Let's get out and eat out!"