

Think about something you would like to change about your school. Write to explain what you would change and why.



One thing I would change about my school would be history class would be longer. I wish history class would be longer. I personally love history. I want to be a history professor. I think we could do better in history. That is what I would change about my school.

**Mason Fields, 6th, Weber City Elementary, Mrs. Sanders**

One thing I want to be changed is no fire drill during gym class. It's always a fire drill during our gym and it takes forever. We should have fire drills when no one is in the gym. And that is what needs to be changed in school.

**Brodie White, 5th, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Fraley**

Three things that I want to change about my school is more advanced books, less bully population, & more events. Being the reader I am, I get through books fast and furious. I have to have challenging books. I've been bullied before and it's not great, so this could help so many problems if they were supportive. The events come near every three months. Three things that can help my school is advanced books, fewer bullies, and more events.

**Hannah Rutley, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

I love the school so much I want to make it better. I think we should have a water day because we could have little pools, slip and slide, and water holes. My second opinion is we should have a lunch day in the classroom. My last thing is a parent day. Those are the reason that I want the school.

**Alyssa Cheyennee Wilson, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

The one thing I would change about my school is that we could vote for what food we have. It would work like one class gets to vote one day then another class another day. A meal could not be voted 2 or more times in a row. It would also be cool if we could vote for dessert too. I think if we changed this about our school everybody would like it.

**Carter Pippin, 6th, Weber City Elementary, Mrs. Sanders**

I would like to change about my school is to have art and library every day. I want to have art and library every day is because I like to draw and read. The reason I like to read is because it helps me learn new words. Drawing and reading are relaxing and the reason is that you can have peace and quiet. That's why I want more library and art.

**Morgan Patrick, 5th, Weber City Elementary, Mrs. Webb**

One thing that I would like to change about my school is the food. I would like to change the fact that we get served the same food almost every day. I think that there should be a variety of different foods. I do not understand why we get served the same foods over and over again. Especially, when most of the kids do not even eat it. I think that is just a waste of food and money being thrown out. I also do not like how all of the food being served is frozen. I wish we

had good homemade food that they used to have a long time ago. I think the food would taste a lot better if it were homemade. Then, more kids would eat. That is one thing that I would like to change about my school.

**Emilee Addison, 7th, Powell Valley Middle, Ms. Johnson**

The thing I would like to change is to not have homework. I would like to do that because it would give kids more time to play and do whatever they want. Also, because school is seven hours and then kids have to do homework when they get home. Finally, kids get stressed out over homework. Having no homework could fix that problem. These are the reasons why I want to not have any homework.

**Kaleb Paetow, 6th, Powell Valley Middle, Ms. Johnson**

I would like more time in library, music, and art. Because we learn lots of cool stuff and play really fun games. We also read about history or fiction, and having more time would be very helpful. music is fun because we learn about old music and new music, and in art, we learn about old artists and try to recreate their drawings, which is really fun.

**Colten Kilgore, 5th, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Fraley**

If I could change one thing about my school, it would be nothing because I like my school.

**Cara Smith, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Ms. Gilmer**

If I could change one thing about my school, it would be to just do math and history because those subjects make you smart.

**Peyton Burke, 2nd Grade, Nickelsville Elementary, Ms. Gilmer**

Something I want to change about my school is to have better lunch. Sometimes it's good, but sometimes it's not. I wish we could get food from Teddy's every day. The food at Teddy's is really good so I think everyone will enjoy the lunch. The problem is that everyone might not like the food from Teddy's. I think they should, though.

**Gracin Herron, 5th, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Fraley**

I would change our lunch to cheese sticks.

**CJ Small, 6th, Elydale elementary, Mrs. Barnes-Smith**

I would like to change the playground about my school because I want a trampoline.

**Maddie Watts, Kindergarten, Hilton Elem., Ms. Edwards**

I would like to change lunch because we could take the unhealthy foods out and put healthy foods in.

**McKenna Bentley, Kindergarten, Hilton Elem., Ms. Edwards**

I would like my school to have better meals. Brighter paint colors. Add a period with nothing but free time in the gym or in the computer lab. Have a day of the week where you can wear wacky clothes like pajamas or your parent's clothes. Have more of a variety of games to play in the gym.

**Zackary Provenza, 6th, Elydale Elementary, Mrs. Barnes-Smith**

The main thing I want to change at school is the books, for I think they need to involve imagination so the kids may have more ideas and maybe could write poetry or books. The books could be The Chronicles of Narnia, or it could be The magic tree house, it would not matter as long as it has imagination, especially when kids like that stuff and it will encourage and inspire them for the future.

**Aaron Reece Horton, 6th, Elydale Elementary, Mrs. Cheek**

I would like to change absolutely nothing about my school. I think my school is fine the way it is. Nothing bothers me at my great school.

**Oasis Langley, 5th, Elydale Elementary, Mrs. Barnes-Smith**

If I could change one thing about school it would be to have a laser tag room. You could get all of your energy out. It would be fun to shoot people with lasers. It would be cool to run for cover. It would be good to have a laser tag room to let the kids loose and the teacher relax.

**Cole Jones, 1st, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Light**



If I could change one thing about school it would be to have an indoor pool. We could shoot water guns and splash all day. It would be good for students.

**Owen Jessee, 1st, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Light**

If I could change anything the gym. I would put in new goals and a new floor. I would put in a new stereo and a trampoline. I would like to put in a new rope and new lights. This is what I would change about my school.

**Landon Hill, 6th, Yuma Elementary, Ms. Mullins**

Think about something you would like to change about your school. I would like to change the way people act so we don't have drama. I don't like to have drama or other people to have drama. Sometimes when you have drama you get your feelings hurt. Unfortunately, drama can make you lose friends. This is what I would like to change in my school.

**Emily Meade, 6th, Yuma Elementary, Ms. Mullins**

I would change the fact that there is no recess. Kids should have time to be outside and run around instead of running in circles around a hot stuffy gym. Fresh air and exercise is important and sitting in a chair actually decreases brain activity. Going outside would mean a break from all the learning. Schools should have recess for at least ten minutes.

**Dylan Byrer, 8th, Pennington Middle, Mrs. Clark**

Something I would like to change about my school is the dress code. I would like to change the dress code because we can't wear anything and girls want to wear shorts when it's hot.

**Skyler Shirks, 8th, Pennington Middle, Ms. Clark**

What I would change about my school is I would like to have lockers. Lockers would allow students to put coats or anything inside. Plus, I could decorate it. I would use my locker for everything. This is what I would change about my school.

**Kaylee Reedy, 5th, Yuma Elementary, Ms. Mullins**

If you gave me the chance to change something about my school, I would not change a thing. I think my school has good teachers and staff. I also think we have good cafeteria food. Lastly, I think we have a good principal leading the school. That is why I think my school doesn't need any changes.

**Mahala Storm, 5th, Yuma Elementary, Ms. Mullins**

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela. If I could change something about my school, I would change students taking their education more serious. I would change this because if students do not take their education seriously, then their chances of being successful gradually decrease. Additionally, if education isn't taken earnestly, then how can we have a positive impact on the world? "At moments of departure and a change of life, people capable of reflecting on their actions usually get into a serious state of mind. At these moments they usually take stock of the past and make plans for the future." -Leo Tolstoy. Therefore, if students began taking education important now, imagine how large of a change we can make.

**Aubrey Shearer, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

Change is making something completely different, and what I would like to change about our school is making it bigger than what it is. If the school was bigger than we would have more classrooms and more space to put things or even put a room in which the teachers could have meetings or where both teachers and students could have meetings. We could also consider putting a meditating room in the building for the kids that get stressed out and angry a lot and sometimes even the kids that get in trouble most of the time. Instead of sending them to the office, teachers could send them to the meditating room until they calm down and then they can go back to class where they can learn.

**Jasmine Armstrong, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

I would like to change my school so we could stay at school for 10 hours. We could learn more. We could be smarter than our parents. We can learn more words. So, that is what I want to change about school. Wouldn't it be GREAT if we could stay at school for 10 hours.

**Haydn Penix, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Dr. Adler**

I would like to change the playtime in our school. I would like more playtime. Kids should get more exercise. We should also get to play at least 60 minutes a day. I think we spend too much time inside Rock Springs and we need to get out more. These are the reasons I would like to change our playtime in our school.

**Kennah Crumbley, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Dr. Adler**

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**Eastman**  
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Platinum  
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