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# High school students want at least some say in what they must learn

Should students have some say in what they learn in school?

"Definitely. I've been to Germany twice now — I went to school there — and they don't take attendance. They don't put a lot of merit into homework. You're a lot more responsible, and it teaches you more because it is what you want to learn. The only reason I think it won't work is because your interests change, and you will decide on something that you might not need in life."

**Rachel Blaylock, 17**

*Marana High School senior*

"We should have more of a say, because if we did, students would want to go to school and it would decrease the dropout rate."

**Jeanine Dixon, 17**

*Marana senior*

"Maybe not a complete say. They should still have to do the core classes."

**Nadine Briley, 17**

*Marana senior*

"Yes. They should have a say, because we should take whatever we want."

**Ashley Hunt, 14**

*Mountain View High School freshman*

"Maybe a little bit, because we don't know a whole lot to begin with. So we don't know what we should learn."

**Phil Torrez, 15**

*Mountain View sophomore*

"We should have a say in what we learn, because it should be our choice as to what goes into our heads. If I had a choice, I think the important subjects would be philosophy and psychology. It's based on how we are, and that's a main subject."

**Isaiah Manzo, 17**

*Marana Career and Technical High School junior*

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