

The Ideal School

- You can work alone or in small groups of 3 & each group will choose a topic to research. Enter the topic into the table on the next page.
- Your goal is to research how this topic could be implemented into the school system to make high school “better.” Remember: the research should be geared towards high school students!
- You will use credible websites, textbooks, or psychology journals to backup your findings.
- Create a Google Slides presentation to share with the class.
- All presentations should include in-text citations and a formal citation page at the end.

Topics to choose from:

1. Theories of Discipline (how could behavior problems be addressed?)
2. Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs (incorporating all levels into school)
3. Learning and Motivation (intrinsic versus extrinsic)
4. School start time
5. Grading Policies
6. Course Requirements (what content should be included in classes?)
7. Social Emotional Learning
8. Course tracks/specialization
9. Senior Internships
10. “Study skills” course (learning how to learn, study, etc)
11. Coping with stress (could include programs, school therapist)
12. Getting students involved
13. Typical daily schedule
14. Outside time
15. Life skills class (how to fix things, budgeting, taxes, jumping a car, car stuff)
16. Homework
17. Classroom setup (furniture, lighting, decor, etc)
18. Other ideas?

Ideal School Project Rubric (50 Points)

Information _____ / 30

- a. Introduce the current school policy or technique and why you have a problem with it (4)
- b. Present an argument with data on why it should be changed (8)
- c. Present a proposal on how to make it better (with data) (8)
- d. All data comes from reputable sources and correctly supports your position (5)
- e. Sources are cited (you can provide direct links within the text to the source), both in the slides and a list at the end (5)

Persuasiveness _____ / 10

- You present a thorough argument that persuades viewers that your position is legitimate

Presentation _____ / 10

- The way in which the topic is presented is entertaining and displays a clear picture of what you are trying to say

Total _____ / 50