

School - hell or paradise

Crib Notes

Children are getting more and more creative when it comes to cheat at tests. Old fashion kinds are whispering and writing on hands. Now we use mp3-s, mobile phones, our shoes, our legs and so on. The only problem is that there is a law against mobile phones in our class.

For oral exams there aren't any special skills only to rely on help of your friends. But when it comes to written exams there are so many ways to cheat you can't even remember all of them. Most used lately are: writing on the sides of your shoes, recording lessons on your mp3, and writing the most important notes on your mobile phones. For physics and maths calculators on which you can write all definitions are very popular.

Other things that we cheat on are excuses from my friends from our parents which is very popular with 8 graders. Some of 8 graders also buy tests. These are only some of the ways of cheating 'cause we know some teachers will read this and we don't want them to know all of our special skills.

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HIGH SCHOOLS

In the end of the eight grade we all have a problem where to go, which high school to enrol. But today it's not that easy to get in, like it was before. Many students want to go to grammar school but unfortunately they don't have enough points, so they are sad and they need to go to some other schools they don't want to

The reason for that is the little interest for high schools while they could fix their grades. But students usually don't realise that they need good grades from: Croatian, English, Maths, History and the fifth subject could be geography or physics. You need to have good grades I mean if you want to get into a good high school you can have 3 or 4 Bs in both grades. That means that you need at least 56 points. Enough about grades and points.

In Zagreb there are many high schools because it is the biggest city and it's the capital of Croatia. There are many kinds of high schools but I will name only the grammar schools. There are: language, classical, general program, maths, art and chemistry grammar schools.

I hope that this article will help you in picking the right high school and fix your grades before it's too late.

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School - the rules

We don't have any written rules, but there are some that we must obey:

1. No mobile phones
2. No chewing gums
3. No balls (we aren't allowed to play with them indoors)
4. We aren't allowed to wear any caps
5. We aren't allowed to wear any clothes that show our shoulders or belly
6. We must have special shoes for school, and for the gym

Most of the kids think that the rules are too strict, and that there shouldn't be any.

WE LIKE SCHOOL BECAUSE:

- We meet our friends and have time to spend it together
- Sometimes we even learn some things that we are interested in and like
- Girls love going to school just because of the 8th graders. Some are even in love with them...

WE DON'T LIKE SCHOOL BECAUSE:

- Some of the teachers don't care about our knowledge, they only care about getting their paychecks
- Some of the boys want to prove themselves by doing stupid things for which we also get into trouble
- WE HATE THE RULES !!!

"IM SICK": Many of the students use this legendary phrase to skip class. Some of us have gotten really good at it.

TRAGEDIES IN OUR SCHOOL:

- They played with the powder and got hurt...

Several 8 graders claimed that they have found the powder in the area around our school. They have put it in PVC bags and lit it up. Some of them got hurt, and demanded the medical attention.

- Another tragedy that shook our school several years ago, was the fall of a young boy from the second floor of our school. He claimed that he was pushed.
(We leave it to you to decide what really happened)

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MUSIC

It makes me really angry that music is not any more about music, it's only about politics and money. There is no tolerance between lovers of different kinds of music. You hear on the news about shooting in folk clubs, and about angry rappers fighting in the street. Music should send us a message of peace and love, not of war and hate! Once music was a thing which connected people, not killed them. That was the time of peace, love and understanding for people with different opinions. Today there is no love and especially no peace. Today music kills people... and I think that this shouldn't be like that! Everyone has right to love things that they want, and not things that someone tells them to, or even to be afraid to tell their opinion....

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