

Need of Respect at High Schools

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The majority of the children in the U.S. are raised to respect elders, to respect one's race and culture. Yet, it seems that as a person enters high school, all of this no longer seems to be held in as a high regard as before.

As a high school student, I see first-hand how students treat each other. It feels as if the people grow more and more insensitive as the years go by. On many occasions have I seen someone called fat, stupid, and other hurtful words to their faces. Another problem is racial slurs that high-school students throw around casually.

At the high school, it seems as if one's nationality or culture affects the way they turn out. Asians are referred to as bad drivers and Mexicans are accused of "hopping fences."

At our school, this became such a problem that the principal wrote out an announcement about such crude and derogatory terms. All the teachers read them out to the students. The only result was students using them more often because they thought that it was "funny."

People these days are growing less and less sensitive as they grow older. We need to grow more aware of the hurt we cause others when using such rude words in the future so that this problem will soon die down.