



Questions for Classroom Discussion

It's Time for a Change

- **What are programs, policies, or other areas of the school that you'd like to change or improve upon?**

- ⇒ Consider the time spent on academics during the school day, and whether it is a correct balance between core subjects, the arts, technology, etc.
- ⇒ Consider programs that help students outside of the classroom (or a lack of those programs), such as ones that deal with bullying, stress, nutrition, fitness, etc.
- ⇒ Consider the infrastructure at the school (classrooms, common areas, cafeteria, gym, activity fields, etc.), and whether or not they are meeting the needs of the students

- **What are steps that you as a student can take to bring about change within your school?**

- ⇒ Consider the importance of getting adults involved with your efforts, whether it's a teacher or administrator, or outsiders within the community
- ⇒ Consider the need to involve other students in the cause, and how there is power in numbers
- ⇒ Consider different actions that can be taken to bring attention to the cause and educate others... this may be in the form of a letter-writing campaign, a public gathering, or a presentation in front of the appropriate audience (such as the school board)

- **What are major obstacles you'll likely encounter when you try to bring about change within your school or community? How can these be overcome?**

- ⇒ Consider the fact that change often involves the efforts of many people, as well as money... in order to carry out the change, you may need to find out how to secure these resources
- ⇒ Consider that not everyone is as passionate about your cause as you are, and it is important to raise awareness and educate others
- ⇒ Consider that it is hard to combat the "this is how it's always been done" philosophy, so you must outline a clear picture of how life would be better if the change were to take place