

American High Schools

Hello Mariengymnasium! My name is Laura-Marie Friedhoff from class 8a and today I want to write about a High School in the US because I think many of you will be interested in getting to know how a day at an American High School looks like and how different it is compared to our school.

I'm just going to start with how a school day at a High School looks like. The students have to arrive at 8:30am so they can prepare themselves for their classes which start at 8:40am, but however their lessons last 48 minutes. Why? I don't know! But it's a strange number isn't it? Whatever. Depending on the grade you're in, so whether you're a Freshman or a Sophomore or whatever (going to explain that later) you have different classes and different lunch times. Also, they do a roll-call everyday to check if every student is there or not. Oh before we go on, remember the Freshmen and Sophomore I was talking about? For us they are technically just the different grades from the 9th to the 12th class. The 9th graders are called Freshmen, 10th grade is Sophomore, 11th grade is Junior and lastly the Seniors who are in the 12th grade.

The subjects are pretty similar to ours, but they do have something called AP classes. AP stands for Advanced Placement.

I think everyone knows that in America the grades are letters from A to F (F=failed) and no numbers like here.

A thing that is very different in America are the rules. For example you are not allowed to bring your bag into the classroom or if you are five minutes late the teacher has to give you the permission to attend to the rest of the lesson. If you are 15 minutes late and that 10 times you have to take two extra sessions from 3:30 to 5pm.

For Americans the most important event in the year is homecoming. Students spend a lot of money on dresses and tuxedos and it's very traditional for the boy to pick the girl up from her house with a flower bracelet for her.

The last thing for today will be the sport teams, which are very important for the Americans because every school feels very represented by their sports team.

I could write so much more but, well times running out but maybe another day. Hope you enjoyed it.

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