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Writing – Ms. Abel

Persuasive Essay

October 9, 2012

When was the last time you ever ate junk food? Junk food is bad for your health and increases your blood pressure. It also can cause you to get a heart attack because of the fat and grease on the food and the amount of calories. Fast food consumption has risen 500 percent since 1970 and today pervades nearly every segment of society, including some public school cafeterias. Junk food should not be allowed in schools because it increases obesity, it’s bad for your health, and it affects your performance in school.

For starters, junk food increases obesity. Children do not allow the food to be broken down and therefore cause layers of fat to be deposited. This shows that all the fat in the food is staying in your stomach and not being broken down enough. Furthermore, junk food normally use a lot of carbs which leads to obesity. This proves that children are not putting enough nutrients in their body. That is how junk food can increase obesity.

Furthermore, junk food is bad for your health. Along with an increase in obesity, there are other effects of fast food on children that are noticed. There are not enough nutrients in the food that they eat. This proves that junk food is bad for your health. In addition, you can have heart problems like high blood pressure, hormonal imbalance, liver and kidney problems and a weakened immune system. This shows that junk food can get you very sick. That is how junk food is bad for your health.

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Writing – Ms. Abel

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Do you know how stressing it is to do homework while having long hours of school ? Homework has become a review of what you learned at school . Today’s schools cutting edge in the stress area of teens . With this being said homework should be abolished from all schools . Government officials should abolish homework because it gives teachers/kids less family time. Homework doesn’t allow scholars to receive sleep and it doesn’t give more understanding than from what was learned in class.

To begin with , homework doesn’t make it possible for students to get more family time . A student can have over 7 sheets of HW which will try to make the class look rigorous and to make the teacher make it seem as if she is doing something. This demonstrates why, homework gives less family time. Furthermore, when assigning more homework can result in teachers receiving less family time . This can lead to less family time because teachers will have to make , grade , and learn work which can cause them to be tired . Lastly , the amount of Homework can lead to the stress of kids. This proves why , homework should be abolished .

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***Junk Food Should Be Banned in Schools***

Do you love to eat Oreo cookies, baked lays, and chocolate brownies? I’m sure you do. I’m guessing you don’t even know how many fat and calories are in the food you eat. Many kids like to eat junk food because of its delightful taste. They don’t even know that the food is hurting them. It’s even worse because kids eat it at school too. A place where kids need a fresh and clean mind to learn. Junk food is unhealthy, it causes obesity, and it has a huge effect on school.

To begin with, junk food is extremely unhealthy. They are full of sugar, salt, sodium and much other stuff. These ingredients are harmful to the body, because it can’t be broken down so the fat builds up in the body. In addition, they prevent the absorption of important nutrients and minerals that goes into the body. Then affect the immune system. Furthermore, eating it at school affect the body even more. Like when kids continuously eat it, it leads to obesity.

This is one of the main effects of eating junk food. It doesn’t allow the food to be broken down so it adds fat to the body. It also uses a lot of carbs which add to more fat. To add obesity can be very fatal. 300,000 people die per year from obesity related diseases. According to the results of the National Health and Nutrition examinations survey, it showed that the number of overweight kids doubled between 1976-1980 and 1999-2002. This is a struggle for kids.

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Imagine you’re a person depressed and mixed emotions you fake a smile while inside you’re turning black and there’s no light in you? This is what bullying dose to people. Everyday billions of people around the world are like this because others don’t say or do anything about it. Now people are starting to take more actions so bullying dose not destroys people’s lives. One of the steps we need to take are stricter punishments. Stricter punishments should be enforced for many reasons such as better class performances, lower occurrences, and to avoid further conflict in the future.

If stricter punishments are enforced there will be a better class environment. For example, when bullies leave class rooms they take away distractions from the learning environment. This states that because bullies get punished the class becomes more focus on what the teachers are teaching and not what they’re peers are doing. Additionally, the punishment of bullies makes learning environments more peaceful and positive. Since bullies are being punished the class won’t want to get in trouble so they focus more on their work and get more done. Lastly, people being bullied will be able to learn better. People that were being bullied don’t have worry about emotional distress or being scared and those feelings affecting their performance because the feelings disappeared. Therefore, punishments for bullying should be stricter for better class environment.