

**STUDENT FORUMS AT LAWRENCE GRASSI
MIDDLE SCHOOL:
FUTURES PLANNING 2007/08
(Approx. 100 participants from grade 7 and 8)**

Note: Highlighted areas indicate ideas that were expressed repeatedly

Question #1: What skills and qualities will you need?

Good education

Social skills/ manners

Dating skills

Communication skills

Swimming skills

Math skills

Home Economics/ cooking /drama/ leadership/ sewing

Social skills

Athletic

Faith

Management skills

Acting

Engineering

Ski groomer

Passion about what you are doing

Affection

Writing skills

Determination

Teamwork

Leadership

Being flexible

Organized

Able to make money

Environmentalist

Respect

Hardworking

Patriotism

Good virtues

Enthusiastic

A good listener

Outgoing

Happy

Know different languages

Better French skills

Question #2: How can school best prepare you for that future?

Scholarships (pay tuitions)

School dances to develop social skills

Provide school supplies

Encourage us to make friends

Less bullying

Better topics of study

Better computers/laptops

Provide savings accounts/ money management

Offer driving classes

Pay for trips

Able to pick your own high school courses

More options (complementary courses)

Personal teachers for one on one help

Socializing period / study period / relax period

School hours shorter (need more sleep)

Larger desks/lockers/classes

Larger gyms (or more than one)

More opportunities to join sports or clubs (and variety)

Smart boards in all classrooms

Teachers need to be current and explain topics more

Learn street smarts

People skills

Be able to cook well

Career days (to see what else is out there)

Everyday gym and physical fitness

Cafeteria and more hot lunches

Video game programming courses

Government classes

Life skills/social skills/ leadership courses

Variety of field trips

Technology programs and training

Mentorship programs

After school programs

Set us up for the future/ help plan

Environmentally friendly schools

Variety of guest speakers

Better sport equipment and training facilities

Bully prevention

Make it more fun

Have some training time for sports

Teach to specific area of career path

Provide passion for what you're doing

Pay more attention to personal needs

Make schools affordable