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1 When I first came to the school in ninth grade, I was surprised by how crowded it was, with the  
2 school so packed that you can't even walk through the halls comfortably. The school is so  
3 crowded that the administration just looks for reasons to kick people out of the school to lessen  
4 the overcrowding. For example, if you are tardy to class three times, the administration can make  
5 you transfer to another school, and I think they do that just because they want to reduce the  
6 number of students who go to Fremont. Also, we have to hold classes in the cafeteria and in the  
7 woodshop because we ran out of classrooms for all the students at Fremont. When I was in 11th  
8 grade, I took a Spanish class in the woodshop class because there were not enough other  
9 classrooms for us to be able to have a regular classroom. It was ridiculous to be in the woodshop  
10 taking Spanish. I also remember that one of my classes during one of my other years at Fremont  
11 met in the cafeteria for about a week, but I don't remember right now what class that class was.

12 6. Fremont has a lot of classes that are so packed that students don't even have seats  
13 to sit down in for the beginning of every semester. For example, in my history and English  
14 classes when I was in 11th grade, students had to stand up in class for about one to two weeks,  
15 until enough students transferred out of the classes that all the students could then have seats. I  
16 don't have to stand in my classes now because I'm a senior and the senior class is smaller than  
17 the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade classes at the school, so senior classes don't tend to have as  
18 many students in them. One of the classes I wanted to take during the first semester of this year  
19 was an art elective class with students from other grades, not just seniors. But that class had a lot  
20 of people standing in it, so I decided not to take the class because I didn't want to deal with  
21 having to stand in class again. I know other people still have had to stand in classes this school  
22 year because I hear other kids complaining about it and because I've walked by classes and seen  
23 kids standing. For example, I've passed by classes to say hi to my old teachers, and I've seen  
24 people standing along the walls. It makes me angry to see them and to remember when I used to  
25 have to stand in class.

26 7. In my English class this year, we have about 40 students in class. Because we  
27 have so many students, the teacher has to borrow chairs every day from a computer class nearby  
28 so all the students in the class can sit down during class time.

1           8.       We don't have enough books for all the students at Fremont. Throughout my high  
2 school years at Fremont, the only book I've been assigned to use at home every night for a class  
3 was my algebra book. For all the rest of my classes, I either didn't get to use a book at home, or I  
4 could just ask to check the book out for one night only because other students needed the books  
5 too. For example, in my fourth period English class this year, we're assigned books in class, but  
6 the teacher does not have enough books for all the periods the teacher teaches. So we can't  
7 automatically take the books home for homework every night. Instead, the teacher has a rule that  
8 certain class periods can come in after school to ask to check out books to take home for one  
9 night only on certain days of the week. On Mondays and Tuesdays, first and fourth periods can  
10 ask to take books home, but those two periods can't take books home on other days. And even if  
11 you go ask to take the books home on the days your period is allowed to check out books, you  
12 might not get a book because other students might have taken all the books first. It's ridiculous  
13 to be a senior and trying to graduate and finish your work but not to be able to have a book at  
14 home to work from every night. And in some of my classes, we haven't even had enough books  
15 to use in class. For example, I remember that in my ninth grade health class, we didn't have  
16 books. Instead, the teacher gave us handouts to use for the class. For another example, in my  
17 economics class this year, several people have to share books with two people to a book in class  
18 because we don't have enough books to use even during class. Sometimes we also have to share  
19 books in class in my English class because we don't have enough of certain books we're reading.  
20 It bothers me to have to share a book in class because I'll be trying to read at my own pace and  
21 the other person will be holding me back because the other person reads at a different pace. And  
22 of course it bothers me not to be able to take a book home for homework; I want to be able to do  
23 my work at home.

24           9.       I have computer class for my first period class this semester, and a lot of the  
25 computers in that class are broken. You have to come in to class early just to get a working  
26 computer. If you don't come early, then you just have to sit there in class, without getting to  
27 work on a working computer. I think about half the computers in the class are broken, and  
28 they've been like that for the whole semester. It's a computer class, so you're supposed to have a

1 computer, and it's a waste of time for half the class to just sit there in class every day without  
2 getting to work on a computer.

3 10. Fremont doesn't offer a lot of elective classes, but one class you can take is a  
4 "service" class. In service classes, you're assigned to a teacher and you ask the teacher if the  
5 teacher needs any help. If the teacher does need help, you do what the teacher needs. For  
6 example, this year I take service for Mr. Walter Lopez in his history class, and I help him by  
7 running his errands during his class time.

8 11. Fremont has a lot of classes that don't have permanent teachers. In my eleventh  
9 grade year, we changed teachers about every two weeks in my science class because we didn't  
10 have a permanent teacher. Also during my eleventh grade year, we didn't have a permanent  
11 teacher in my algebra class, so we had a few different substitutes teach that class. This year in  
12 my English class, we didn't have a permanent teacher for the whole first semester. We finally  
13 got our permanent teacher, Mr. Bell, for the second semester. I got used to not having permanent  
14 teachers in my classes, but if I stop to think about it, it makes me angry that we couldn't have  
15 permanent teachers for our classes.

16 12. The school facilities at Fremont are falling apart. For basically all my school  
17 years at Fremont, we've had big holes in the ceiling in the main building. It makes me sad to  
18 walk through the halls seeing gaping holes in the ceiling, with plastic bags covering some of the  
19 holes. I don't see why we can't at least get the holes in the ceiling fixed. Also, I often see  
20 roaches in classes in the last building way in the back of the school. This year, I had my  
21 homeroom back there, and when I was in tenth grade I had business organizations back there  
22 also. I have seen a lot of roaches back in that building.

23 13. Temperature is a problem every year at Fremont. We're a year-round school and  
24 it gets really hot in Los Angeles in the summer. But the air conditioning doesn't work in the  
25 summer, even though it's working fine by the time winter comes around. Since I've been there,  
26 the school has been fixing the air conditioning sometime in the fall but when it comes to summer  
27 again the air conditioning is broken again and it gets so hot in class. I'll be trying to study in  
28 class, but it's too hot. Sometimes my head hurts from the heat, and I can't concentrate.

1           14.     We don't have enough open and unlocked bathrooms at Fremont. Other than the  
2 gym bathroom, we have three bathrooms for girls at Fremont. But one of the bathrooms is  
3 locked, so we really only have two bathrooms for girls, other than the bathroom in the gym. I  
4 don't include the bathroom in the gym when I'm counting the bathrooms at the school because  
5 the only time you use the gym bathroom is when you're in the gym. One of the two open  
6 bathrooms has about five stalls in it, and the other one has about six or seven stalls in it. That's  
7 not enough toilets for all the girls in the school, so the bathrooms are just packed, especially  
8 during lunch or nutrition. Sometimes you have to hold it and not go because the bathrooms are  
9 so packed. Also, the bathrooms run out of toilet paper, paper towels, and soap a lot. We don't  
10 have enough supplies for the bathrooms.

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12           I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United  
13 States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 12th day of June, 2001 in Los  
14 Angeles, California.

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