

STOP AND THINK

When you are thinking about dropping out of school, all you can think about is the reasons why you should. Let us tell you some reasons why you shouldn't.

What does it *really* mean if you drop out?

- Workers without a high school degree, who work full-time hours year around, earn an average of \$23,400 per year. High school graduates earn \$30,400. Workers who complete even some college earn \$36,800. You can't go to college with out a high school degree.
- High school graduates earn an average of \$143 dollars *more* per week than high school dropouts.
- Each year, the average earnings of high school dropouts fall compared to the average cost of living.
- High school dropouts are 2.5 times more likely to have to go on welfare than high school graduates.
- Only 9% of jobs are available to workers without a high school degree. The number of these available jobs decreases each year as more and more jobs demand higher education.
- The children of high school dropouts are affected by their parent's choice. 1/3 of children of dropouts have to repeat at least one grade and they have many more school suspensions and expulsions than children of high school graduates.
- High school dropouts are 4 times more likely to be unemployed than high school graduates.
- High school graduates are much less likely to end up in prison than high school graduates. 82% of inmates in US jails and prisons are high school dropouts.

Sure, school can be hard. When you don't understand what is being taught, you don't feel safe or life is hard socially, it might seem easier, even better, to drop out of school. Trust us! It's not! Education is the key to your future! Let us help you make it all the way to graduation day.

We can't go take that math test for you or deal with that problem with your friends, but we can help you work through your struggles, tap into your skills and talents and accomplish your goals.

Contact us!
We're here to help!

Dropping out of school can affect you for at least the next 47 years of your life. Learn the facts before you decide.

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