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## How to be a State High Student

By: Katie "Aching Pain" Ache

Being a State High student is not difficult, as long as you fit the hundreds of standards that come along with it. There is a clear stereotype for the typical student here and if you don't fit it, there is a 100% chance that you will get silently judged or talked about behind your back.

First off, let's start with the basics, what you wear. Walking into State High you need to be wearing one of three options: high top white converse, L.L Bean Boots, or Nike sneakers, even though they will most likely get ruined crossing in the construction, but that doesn't matter. For girls, what you wear is a high standard. Most girls are wearing their \$100 Lululemon leggings, with a logo that is less than an inch big, and their Patagonia pullovers, and Michael Kors coats on a so called "comfy day". The standard for boys is much lower. You can show up to school in the same out-



Photo by Connor Cai

Trying to be a peak State High student even though we know it's not a realistic standard.

fit for the entire year and nobody would question you, but if they decide to switch it up,

*"You might as well enroll somewhere else..."*

they'll most likely be wearing khakis and some sort of pull-over sweater. Making sure you fit these style guidelines is the most important standard of State High student.

For technology, social media is a huge deal at State High. If your Instagram doesn't have at least 600 followers, or a VSCO link in your bio, then you might as well just delete your account,

because you don't qualify as a State High student. If you're a boy and have a VSCO, I would advise you to delete it because people are making some pretty large judgments on you. Besides Instagram and Twitter, Snapchat has to be the most popular social media app at State High. Instead of talking to people in real life, why not just send them a quick snap, even if they're ten feet away from you? A heads up; if you don't have at least 10 streaks, longer than 30 days, you definitely need to step it up, you don't even have to send a real picture! Just snap

a quick pic of the wall or maybe the TV, add the word streak, send it to everyone you have a streak with, and poof! You're done with Snapchat for the day.

The last category of being a State High student is your life outside of school. Most State High students don't feel the need for a job, but if they do they will most likely be at one of three places: Wegmans, Trader Joe's, and the Waffle Shop. If not working, all State High students do is go out to eat with friends. I would advise you to go to either Bagel Crust, Gigi's, Chick-fil-A, or Cozy Thai if you want a good snapchat story. If you're not feeling a whole meal, Dunkin or Starbucks normally work for State High students.

All in all State high students are very accepting of students who fit all the requirements, and if you fail to meet them, you might as well enroll somewhere else while you still can.

### Note From the Editors

On behalf of the Lions' Digest we hope you find our April Fools' issue completely repulsive :) Now that we've got the fluff out of the way let's get to the hard stuff. Disclaimer: the opinions and news included in this issue are completely false and do not represent the views of Lions' Digest. You have been warned and we hope you enjoy the April Fools' Issue.

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# Budget Cuts Cause Unforeseen Issues

By: Sierra "the Hawk" Hockenbury

Due to recent budget cuts for State College Area School District's new High School, students and staff will unfortunately have to face some minor obstacles after the completion of the new buildings. Though the budget was set in place before the start of construction, the caution tape and neon crossing guard vests cost millions of dollars, which was more than originally expected.

WiFi is another thing that the district believes is not a crucial part of our education. They must not understand that we complete almost every assignment with the use of WiFi, including intense games of Kahoot in preparation for tests.



Photo by Mike Hopp  
This what we wish SCASD WiFi looks like.

One of the biggest difficulties will be the lack of air-conditioning. The school district has decided



Photo by Mike Hopp  
Photo of our biggest fan.

that we have not suffered enough years of sweating during classes, so it will continue to be that way.

Another effect of the budget cut will result in the selling of every chair in State High. The school board is requiring everyone to bring their own chairs, or BYOC, if you will. They feel that this will bring a sense of uniqueness to the school.



Photo by Mike Hopp  
Last known chair in State High.

# Construction Project Halted; Students Shook



Photo by Hannah Nelson

To be honest, we totally would have gone to school in this building—it is a step up to the one we have now.

By: Kayla "Bridget" Moran

On Sunday, March 5th, the school board had a meeting about the school's newest construction plan. The plans were first set and stone in the summer of 2015. However, plans were originally discussed and nearly finalized over 10 years ago, but a new staff came in and wanted a different change.

"When I first heard we were going to get a new school I was excited but then when I found out I was going

to be in it during construction, I got a lot less excited," said junior Chelsea Yoder. Like everything else, the feelings about the new school ranged from super good to completely awful. Though on March 6th, the day after the school board meeting, school principal Curtis Johnson announced that construction is going to be delayed and held off until 2028! They are going to restart the South Building construction almost all the way back to the start due to water pipes they found in the ground recently

that they cannot work around. "I think it's great! They should blow it up so the whole thing goes away. It was getting annoying walking through all the mud and dirt," said sophomore Alesya Bodner. On the other hand, some students feel differently. "They got so far, I think it's really going to suck starting over. The school is also going to fall apart until 2028", said freshman Matt Brownski. State High students should definitely cross their fingers that the school doesn't fall apart before they graduate.

# Article to End All Arguments: *How do You Pronounce SCASD?*

That's right, you read correctly. The answer to your troubles. The solution to your true problems. The quality article that you need to read; it is this article.

By: Kyra "Help, kidnapped by Journalism, send nachos" Gines

The question on all our minds: is the district pronounced SCASD (sk-ah-ss-duh) or SCASD (sk-ah-ss-dee)?

These days, pronunciation is an important thing, so I understand the distress and the undying hatred for words that can be pronounced in more ways than one. Words such as crayon, caramel, and Aunt are among the many friendship destroyers, and we don't need to add a confusing acronym to the list (for a school district that's only good for snow days, no less). But that's besides the point.

Are you saying it correctly? Does it bother you when other people say it "wrong?" After

many long days with sleepless nights and tense interviews, I got my results. For your entertainment and reading convenience, I've divided my subjects into three major groups: the true little lions, the typical State High students, and the third option-ers—my personal favorite.



## Sk-ah-ss-dee

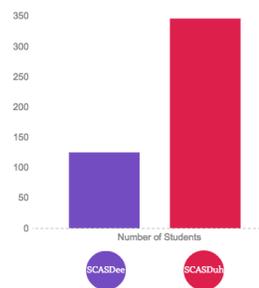
The true little lions, though few in number, are the most passionate about the school. They attend games and know the dates of most events, and can often be seen in the school colors. Their passion manifests in multiple ways, however, such as the pronunciation of the school district. Katelyn Sullivan, a junior, is one such person. She pronounces the school district Scasd, at it definitely bothers her when other people say it wrong. Alongside her is Faith Hampton, a freshman who says Scasdee, had similar thoughts. And it really bothers her when others pronounce it wrong. They both top care chart, giving a ten for how much they care and so be careful if you pronounce it differently from them—it's destroyed a couple friendships for them in the past.

## Sk-ah-ss-duh

The next and biggest category, the typical State High students, are your normal tired students who don't care about much past passing classes and avoiding school events. None allow the silly acronym to get

in the way of friendships, most laughing at the very idea of it. In my research, this group consisted of: Lauryn Rich, a junior, Emilee Engle, another junior, and Hannah Kesling, a freshman. All of these students opted for a zero except for Jason Gines, the sophomore who would go no higher than a negative one.

### How do you pronounce SCASD?



This next group consisted of teachers and staff who decided that the typical SCASD or SCASDee was just too limiting—and refused to conform to one of the two. This group included Ms. Long from the south library who says 'Scaseed', Mr. Morath, the South librarian, who says 'Scasduh', Mr. Gettig, a Geometry teachers, that says 'Scasdeh', and State High's very

own principal, Mr. Johnson, who decided it's all or nothing and ultimately refuses to abbreviate his school district. All of these people believe in the freedom to pronounce it how you want, however, and have kept their friendships in tact thus far.

Now I bet you're thinking two things at this point. One: that was an amazing article. Now I have a real reason to read Lions Digest. And Two: this was great and all, but how do I know whether I'm saying it correctly. That leads us to the moral of this admittedly poorly written satire article. It doesn't really matter how you pronounce our school district and most people don't really care. What matters is learning to love the State College Area School District and look past it's many faults, no matter how extremely hard that may be. However, if anyone asks—it's SCASD.



## A Recipe For Success

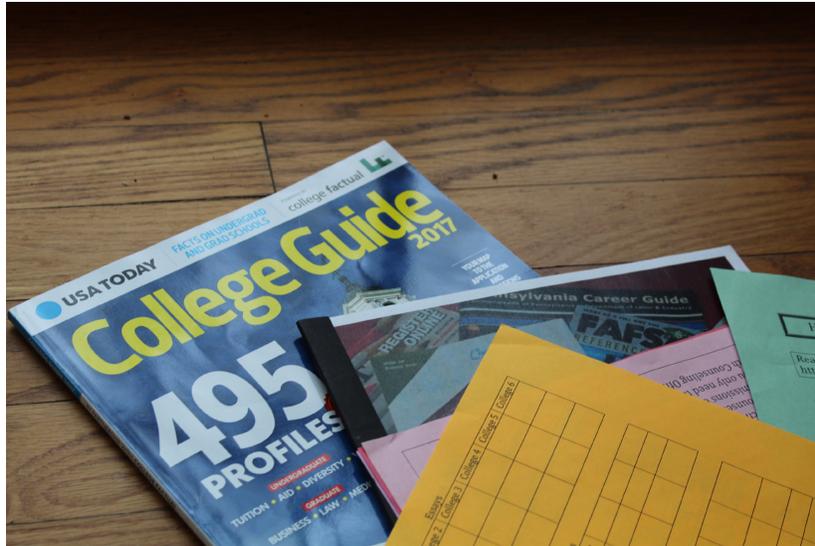


*Garrett shares the secret to College*

By: Noah "Friday Funny" Garrett

The end of the school year is racing towards us and if you're a Senior who doesn't know what to do after graduation then this article is for you. With so many options of what to do it can be a daunting decision, but hopefully this guide will help you. Among the many options you have are; college, trade school, a job, gap year, joining the military, or intentionally failing all your classes so you have to repeat your senior year because you needed more time to decide. All great options if you ask me.

I'll be covering one of the most frequently picked options, going to college. There are a lot of great resources to help you prepare for the next chapter of your life, but I have some different thoughts. It's recommended that you apply to a few colleges that might be difficult for yourself to get into, some that you think you'll get into and a backup college just in case, that you'll almost definitely get into. Once you've



We spent 15 dollars on the college guide, and it totally helped us to realize how bad we are at life.

Photo by Hannah Nelson

applied you'll probably receive your admissions decision within a week, a month, or never at

*"Simply lie on the application, and you will receive more aid ..."*

all. Colleges like to send them in the mail so once you start to get them you should wait until you receive them all so you can open them simultaneously. That way if you don't get accepted by the college you

wanted to you won't be disappointed because you'll get into a different one.

Applying to colleges can be difficult, some require essays, some require letters of recommendation from teachers and most require your social security number. If you don't have it memorized just write on a post it note or on your arm so you can find it easily, just make sure you label it as your SSN otherwise you might forget what it is.

Colleges ask about your participation in extracurricular

activities so to make yourself look good join as many clubs and sports as possible. After you've joined a few it might get difficult to go to all of the meetings. What I suggest is attending clubs until you are technically a member and then once

*"You'll be in a for a pretty sweet ride..."*

you are don't bother going to meetings or events anymore. If you ever get asked for the contact information of the advisor

or president of the club, just make a fake email address, give it to them and respond to them yourself.

While you're waiting for colleges to accept you it's a great time to file your FAFSA! You could fill it out regularly like everyone else, but I have a little trick that might help you out. Simply lie on the application, and you will receive more aid. Although it is technically illegal, if nobody ever figures it out you'll be in for a pretty sweet ride.

As soon as you get accepted to the college of your dreams, you can confirm your enrollment. What's after that you ask? Well you might think you should continue as normal while preparing for college in your free time, but since you've been accepted into college, you can do things differently. You basically don't have to go to school anymore. If your parents force you to go then you don't have to participate in class or do any homework, you've already been accepted. Congratulations you're done with High School.