

WHAT'S GOOD?	WHAT'S NOT?	WHAT'S NEXT?	WHAT'S NEXT - POINTS
Education in the US is free	Dress codes	Pay teachers more	2
My "specials" classes (non core classes)	We don't get PE everyday	More scholarship money for students	
Allows me to learn	Stairs	Bigger and better playgrounds	
Good teachers	Classrooms don't have enough school supplies	Hire more security guards	6
Special occasions and parties that the school throws	Not enough security cameras	I-pads for every A & B student	22
Field trips	Cafeteria food is bad	More options during recess	
Different teachers for math and reading	Too many bugs in schools	Less homework that is more helpful	4
Cameras make me feel safe	Not enough computers and technology	More buses (they should come pick us up from our houses)	4
Sharing ideas and feelings with my friends, teachers, and principal	We can't use cell phones in school	More honest, nice, helpful, and respectful teachers	3
Leadership opportunities (i.e. safety patrol)	There's mulch and not grass on our playgrounds	More field trips	13
Recess every day		Better and cleaner bathrooms	
Voyageur time			
Mentors from Big Brothers and Big Sisters that play and mentor us			
After school programs			
Fire department is close to us			
"Specials" classes	Bad and not varied cafeteria food	Cell phone "check time" built into the school day	7
Vending machines	Teachers and principals are strict, not respectful or honest	More freedom	4
New lockers	Schools are not clean	Classrooms should be bigger	1
1:1 Technology in school	Racism at school from other kids and teachers	Better, cleaner, bigger and individualized lockers	5
Some good classes	Too many rules	Colorful and inviting classrooms	2
Science labs	Dress code	More professional cafeteria workers	2

Golden ticket "store"	Too much HW	Schools need to be less crowded and more secure	
My principal	Not effective school-wide discipline systems	More extracurricular activities	8
Health class	Not enough field trips	More transition time between classes	6
	Bullys	Elevators	2
		Every school should have 1:1 technology	3
		Multi-drink dispenser	3
		Cleaner schools	
		More fun rewards for students doing well in school	3
		No dress code and freedom during lunch	15
		All staff in schools are respectful, nice, fair and fun	7
		More field trips	4
Two related arts classes for each quarter	Change dress code to make it more reasonable and consistent	All textbooks should be downloaded into one device for all kids	10
Morning motivator (exercise) every day	School's getting too hard and the material isn't always relevant to our interests	Change dress code to be more reasonable and consistent	3
Teachers that let me go at my own pace	Parents don't have financial means to support at-home projects	"Homework work time" with computers as a class period during school	
"Specials" classes	Classtime isn't always used for group work	Create a way to ask questions (through text messages thru ActiveBoards) to the teachers and other students during class, more efficient and more open access	9
Nice and fun teachers	Teachers leave the room too much	Nicer and cleaner schools with better and more comfortable furniture	7
Teachers who allow for students to make choices	Mean lunch ladies and too many rules in the cafeteria	Improving cooking in cafeterias and allow for cooking on site at all schools	10
Collaboration between teachers	Bad food	More money for extracurricular and sport activities	3
Hands-on labs and projects in class	Don't get to choose my classmates	Make pajama day every Friday	9
Like having more than one teacher	Lockers are too small	More options on the lunch menu	1

1:1 technology initiative	Reading logs shouldn't be required for everyone	Free and fun day at school as a reward for good behavior and/learning	8
Upgraded kitchen in some schools	Bullying	Open seating in the cafeteria	3
Active Boards	New tests with open-ended questions are harder	More hand-on activities in all classes	
Open gym opportunities	Teachers give pre-tests that count as grades	Nice playground equipment	3
Built-in snack time in class schedule	Gym and locker room too small		
Large classrooms that allow students to move around	Bullying		
Choral program at Central HS	Bullying		
Locker breaks built into the class schedule	Bullying		
	Desks too small in elementary school		
TAG program in elementary schools	Not every teacher has a classroom; they're roaming with carts	New Halls HS that's bigger, with parking, and AC	22
CTE programs at high school	Common core makes everything feels disjointed and forced (writing doesn't seem to always fit with the content)	Wifi internet, updated technology and more technology support people	11
CTE teachers with their real-world experiences and job connection	Too much of a college-only focus and a one-size-fits-all approach	Off-campus lunch options	12
Block scheduling because it allows you to choose more classes	Too much testing and it counts too much as part of the final grade	Guidance counselors that are all high-quality, knowledgeable, and have technology to send electronic transcripts	9
Performance department (color guard, music, theater)	TEAM rubric isn't reasonable (i.e group work requirements)	Equitable course offerings in all schools and transportation to schools that have other programs	12
AP class variety and rigor. Also feel a closer connection to AP teachers	Teachers still rehearse and have "pre-planned" lessons for unannounced observations	Bigger and better HS auditorium	
Dual enrollment	Guidance department doesn't have the technology to email transcripts	Keep CTE programs but expand the options and make them better funded	31

Emphasis on clubs and extracurricular activities	No wifi in the building	More security cameras	
Peer tutoring	Inconsistent technology between classrooms and between schools	Increased accountability of teachers to care about every child	
Offer good variety of sports	Weak technology supports at school and long installation times	Inspect KCS buildings more frequently to determine priorities for repairs	2
FACS classes	Teachers don't have the time to teach the content in different ways	AP and honors classes need to be more in-depth, still cover too many topics superficially	8
Honor program because it's more challenging	Don't know your guidance counselor until junior year and they have too big of a caseload to actually know you	Create "honors" level classes in ES and MS	2
Some guidance counselors are helpful and informative	Huge jump in rigor between MS and HS	Classes should be offered more frequently and we shouldn't share teachers between schools	3
Service projects for other communities	Not always ok to use cell phones to look things up		
	Can't start foreign language when you want because there aren't enough teachers		
	Should have more foreign language options		
	Different schools have different course offerings		
	Relearning the same material year after year		
	Fighting in schools		
	Not providing transportation to students who want to take classes at other schools		
	Common Core writing prompts are unclear		
	Media restrictions on websites		
	Restrictions limiting teachers' creativity to teach how they want		

	Trainers for sports teams don't get the half PE credit		
	Too many classes to meet graduation requirements		
Gym	Sitting in gym and having to read if you come to school before 7:30	Bring back Talented and Gifted programs in all schools	5
Computers in school	Bad lunch food	More science in elementary schools	10
Recess because you get to be free and do what you want	No talking at lunch (red light/green light system)	Bring Wesley Woods game to recess	16
Technology helps me learn better	Punch card system is too strict	Athletics - and not just gym or recess - in ES	5
Group work and hands-on learning	CDC students should have their own classroom, they disrupt our classes too much	More hands-on learning	11
Extension time because I get to make my own decisions on what to work on	Teachers are too strict (they yell) for no reason	Pick your own teachers	16
Some teachers help you	Shouldn't do safety patrol in cold weather	Have honors classes in ES	8
Nice principals that involve students (i.e. making announcements)	Too much time on the computer	Have classes during the school day that are aligned with what you want to be when you grow up	7
Opportunities for students to peer-tutor in school	Lexia program	Have student-teacher conferences at the beginning of the year	1
Teachers help prepare us for tests	CDC students don't get enough supports when they're in regular classes	Should have 1 drug dog in each school for the year	3
Community service	Blocked websites get in the way of research (You Tube)	Assessment for students to figure out what "level" they're on for their subjects	
		Building more athletic fields at Halls ES and MS	1
		Elementary students should have "periods" that allow them to have different teachers and pick when they want certain subjects during the day	6
		Better lunch food	8
Power 30	Dress code is too strict	More time in between classes	3

Nice teachers	Tardy policy is too strict	Equal funding across school and within schools for athletic programs	8
School system with checks and balances	Teachers are using profanity in classes	Get rid of dress codes	32
JROTC	Blocked websites for students	More hands-on activities (field trips, apprenticeships)	2
Snack machines	Too much fundraising	Teachers need to be better about teaching in a way that's interesting to students	2
Small learning communities	Project GRAD scholarships should be for all schools	Bringing back a full week for Fall Break	
Built-in time in school schedule to do homework	Too much book work	Go to balanced calendar	12
Construction Core	Students are disrespecting each other	All students who graduate should be able to walk	1
Scholarship opportunities	Low availability of different types of content classes	EOCs should not count for 25% of our final grade	8
Teachers give leadership opportunities to students	Poor custodial services, school are dirty	Teachers need to learn to teach content in different ways	3
Peer tutoring	Run out of food in the cafeteria	Quality of teachers teaching dual enrollment needs to be better	6
AP opportunities	Not all high school have the same program opportunities (i.e. Upward Bound)	Better teachers that care and respect all students	2
Project GRAD	Not all students have access to internet to complete the research for homework assignments	Raising expectations for participation in clubs and sports	5
College access coaches	Grading scale is unrealistic		
Internship opportunities	Teachers are not paying attention to all students		
Dual-enrollment courses	Lack of time to get to class		
After-school clubs			
The principal has been around for at least two years	Lunch food is bad	We should have certain subjects on certain days to make sure that all subjects get the same amount of time	

Robotics club	Principals generally don't stay for longer than 2 years	Bring back the pond so that we can do real-life learning	8
Wesley woods	Teachers are stressed out	Build baseball fields	2
Technology minimizes the amount of homework we have and makes it easier to do	Not enough bathrooms	Build additions to the building so that all grades can be together	7
New resource officer makes us feel safer	Classrooms are too crowded	More community service projects	
TPAC supports	Can't bring laptops home	More cafeteria staff	
Getting the chance to start on homework at school	Not enough time in encore classes	More afterschool activities	2
Computers make more work fun and the programs help you stay organized	5th grade doesn't get recess	Food pantry to help people who are hungry	1
Student council because it gives us a leadership opportunity	Don't like different amounts of time spent on different subjects, social studies doesn't get enough time	All KCS schools should be 1:1	1
Safety patrol	Confusing that some work is on the computer and some is on worksheets	Computers that grade your work so you know right away how well you're doing	
Like the new math test because it doesn't happen as often and we cover more topics	Middle school is far away	Computers that also teach lessons and not always learning from the teacher	
Teachers are nice	Student teachers leave in the middle of the year	Fence around the school	
		Bigger, cooler, and more often field trips	6
	More educational field trips for all grades (at least 2)	Athletic team for the elementary schools so they compete	20
		Teachers and students vote each year on keeping the principal	1
		Bigger lunchroom, better food and more choices	5
		More options about how to spend lunch (so we don't always have to be quiet)	13
		More recess options	

		Want to get advance notice for when staff retires	
Guidance counselors and nice and helpful	Classes are disorderly and loud	All MS and HS students should have an Ipad	18
Afterschool tutoring	Not enough field trips	All ES should have lockers or cubbies	2
All teachers help with homework	Too many bugs in the school, unclean	Create college-like campuses that have MS and HS together	7
Like having 6 periods, instead of 7	Bad cafeteria food	Schools should be closer to your house	3
Related arts are fun and interesting	Having lunch with the teachers	More school inspection	
Get to choose your related arts class	Teachers are disrespectful to kids	More gym options	5
Breakfast	Uniforms	Smarter teachers that can teach better	1
Different teachers that teach different subjects	Limited bathroom passes	Bigger, better, and more diverse servings in the cafeteria	8
Lockers instead of cubbies	Teachers punish the whole class when only person misbehaves	Teachers with better hygiene, more professional	7
Afterschool clubs	Limited locker breaks		
Recess	Some teachers don't give you an outside break time	Fair teachers	
Teachers teach important life lessons	Too much HW	Rotate to different teachers and have periods in elementary school	6
Math	Cafeteria staff is inappropriate and unprofessional	Whole-school fundraisers	
Field trips	Teachers start the year nice and then get mean	Food court options in MS and HS	17
Morning news	In Tech Lab we do too much research	1:1 technology in all schools	27
Most teachers and staff respect kids	In art there isn't enough time to do art, too much teacher talk	Extra help and tutoring optional on Saturdays	
After-school activities (i.e. tutoring)	Not enough field trips	Focus just as much time on science and social studies as math and reading	3
Special areas	Unsanitary and bad food	More hands-on learning	
Lunch at school	When the staff is upset they yell at the kids	Students decide what goes on the lunch menu	1
Teachers make a good effort to teach	Bullies	Faster service in the cafeteria	
Computers in classrooms	Mean substitutes	More magnet showcases	

Making sure we're safe	Have substitutes too often	Add more afterschool programs for extra help	
Student leadership opportunities	Teachers not doing a good job explaining	Hairnets for cafeteria workers	
	Teachers ignore questions	More hand sanitizer	
		More playground equipment	5
		More time with specials	
		Better ice cream	1
Special areas	Science Olympiad kids and teachers don't get enough recognition	Every student selected for a sports team gets to play	3
Like the things we learn	Suites within the school have different expectations	Built in "work time" during school to use how students wish	6
Teachers make things clear by breaking it down	Not enough math help before school	More materials and resources for classes to do more projects	3
Experiments	Not enough security	More school-wide culture building activities	5
Teachers stay involved after giving the assignment	Not enough experiments	More awards and recognition for good behavior and academics	3
Having different teachers for different periods	Not enough examples with HW	More gym options that allow us to go outside	1
Teachers care about you	Not enough free time	Ipad for everyone	20
Science Olympiad	Lunch is the only time in the day where we are free to do what we want	After school programs in middle school for computer time and sports time	4
	Kids who start a fight and are involved in the fight get in trouble	More computers in classrooms	
	Too much bullying	Middle school sports teams	4
	Too crowded on buses	Multi-day field trips	7
	Honors math and science classes are still too easy	Computer programming classes offered at the middle school	2
	Not enough lunch options	More hands-on learning in every class to get more student engagement	1
	Unclean school	More time to learn; units go too fast	1
Common Core standards help me learn things	How the math modules are graded because there aren't enough standards being assessed	Fund support services for students with disabilities (vision and hearing impaired) so they can have the right technology	3

Learning different ways to solve problems	Not enough resources (i.e. projectors)	Free time built into the day so we have freedom and the chance to talk	3
This year we go into more depth in our classes	Outdated textbooks	Ipads for every kid to take home	23
Honor classes	Not pushing higher-level students	More hand-on learning, projects in all classes	4
Focus classes	Bad and unclean food	More security	
Field trips every now and then	Kids aren't engaged in class	Make all schools have the same updated resources, better funding	3
6 periods instead of 7 because reading and language arts are combined	Cafeteria staff doesn't wear hairnets	More specialized high school options	5
Science Olympiad	Discipline log	Teachers that are serious, passionate, fun, nice, and can control the classroom	3
AVID	Disrespectful students	Cleaner school and furniture	2
	Teachers can't manage student behavior in class	More electives during school that are more strongly structured	2
	Taking calculators away	More books in the library	
		Block scheduling so that we have different classes on different days in middle school	3
		Recess in middle school	6
		Flexible class schedule so that each class could be different number of minutes	1
		More foreign language classes in middle school	
Student teachers provide new ideas to how to teach in more interesting ways	Bad food		
More than one teacher in the classroom	Some teachers only teach one way		
HW is helpful and relevant to what we're learning	Not enough examples		
Teachers who try new techniques	Not enough extra credit opportunities		
Teachers who give powerpoint study guides that clearly tell you what you need to know for the test	Not all the teachers are nice		

Class periods are longer	Teachers are not managing classrooms well		
Focus classes	Focus is not timed well in 8th grade, always feel that I'm late to class		
Teachers are nicer this year	Not enough male teachers		
AVID	Too much HW		
Freedom to learn the way you learn best	Not tested enough in English class		
Choral and band	Not enough reading in school		
	Not enough hands-on learning		
Good education	Classes are too out of control	Nice teachers who are helpful	10
After-school learning	Tutoring just repeats things I already know	Bigger and nicer playgrounds	8
Science lab	Reading is too hard	Spend equal time on social studies and science	5
Recess	Food is unclean (i.e. hair in food)	Better cafeteria food	5
Art club	Teachers yell at people	More time outside	4
PE	Recess is too short	More after-school programs	2
Playing basketball	Teachers are mean and sometimes threaten students	More sports in elementary school	6
Ipads in schools	Unclean school	Ipads that can help with school	12
Lunch	Disrespectful and disruptive students	Longer recess	2
Math	Not enough time to eat breakfast		
Computer lab	Math is hard		
Teachers that encourage me to think aloud and to not be afraid to speak up	Teachers call students mean names and tell them they're not smart enough		
Reading	Bullies		
Class and school parties			
Young teachers are more reasonable with workload expectations	6 minute class changes	Longer school days or year to make things feel less rushed	3

Lunch gives you a chance to socialize	EOCs count for 25% of grade	A track of classes in between regular and honors	23
Supportive administrators and teachers	Teachers aren't strict enough and can't control the classroom	Less crowded schools	1
Principal is supportive	Content is repetitive	Uniforms	16
10 minute class change	Not age-appropriate discipline and reward systems	Longer library hours	2
Summer break	Common Core is too writing intensive	Every kid has a tech device	7
Field trips	Too much testing and it can be redundant (EOCs and TCAPs for same subject)	Smaller classes for more individualized attention	1
Group work and collaboration	High schools start too early	9:00 - 4:00 school day	4
Hands-on learning	Longer core classes and shorter electives	Study period built into the day	9
Guidance counselors are helpful	Tardy policy	Extensive training for teachers and aides to work with all kids regardless of special needs at the same time	12
Option of doing creative projects	Day is booked and there's not time to "self-organize"	Teachers given authority and support for severe behavior cases	
Afterschool activities	High expectations for students but often not set up for success with sufficient explanation from teachers	Open seating at lunch	1
Electives	Teachers are quitting and leaving in the middle of the school year or right before the year starts	Menu options for grading policy	10
Self-pace yourself through your work	Advisory	Be able to test out of classes	7
Band	No gym clothes for gym	Core classes are too long (75 min)	4
Different classes and different periods	Dress code	Retake all tests for partial credit	9
Red30 - free-time	Joining sports as a student that is home schooled	More choices for electives and foreign language	
	Final grade is weighted too heavily on homework completion	45 minute lunch	2
	Bad food	More relaxed dress code	

	Not enough locker breaks		
	Not consistent gym opportunities		
	Inconsistent expectations from teachers		
	The best teachers leave the classroom to become a principal or to work downtown		
Independence, freedom and choice	No athletic facility	Flexibility about how time is spent after completing graduation requirements (i.e. could graduate early)	11
Technology	Rigor of classes is inconsistent across KCS	Online classes	8
9:30 start time	Full-year class schedule	Updated athletic facilities throughout KCS	4
Student ownership and responsibility	Don't always get along with teachers	More frequency of flipped classes	5
Hands-on learning	Inconsistent quality of teachers in the school	"School without walls" where learning could happen off the school campus	10
Mentorship program	Inconsistent buy-in from teachers about school culture (keep trying to change it)	Smaller class sizes (1:16)	4
Choose which assignments to complete in class	Too much teaching to the test	Higher, more universal standards for teaching	15
Space and location of school	Bad and unfresh food	Classes tailored more to career interests	8
Small school so you get personalized attention	Teaching isn't differentiated to different learning styles	More creative and impassioned teaching with hands-on projects	7
Mixed grade classes	Class work isn't always relevant and connected to real life	Make advisory classes by grade and repurpose them for the different grade levels	6
Feel trusted by school and staff	Every day covering a new topic makes it hard to retain the information	More frequent course offerings	3
Learn at your own pace	Unreliable, incompatible, and inconsistent technology	County-wide partnerships with UT and Pellissippi State	1
Teachers care about us	No auditorium	New auditorium and athletic facilities	23
Full-year classes	Not enough guidance counselors	Teachers that are less irritable	
	Need college coaches	Teachers are that more experienced	6

	Teacher evaluation incentivizes them to only care about the test	More project-based classes	4
	Not enough space	Continued presence of student-teachers so they can become full-time teachers	5
	Inconsistent rigor between classes		
	Too much HW		
You get to learn everyday	No computers	More computer tme	
Group work	Library and technology are lumped together in one class	Nice teachers	2
Hands-on learning	Need metal detectors to make us feel more safe	Reward program for good behavior	
Meet many new people	Extra credit opportunities to make better grades	More stuff to do at recess	
Switching classes	Bullying on the bus and in school	More homeroom time to finish work or do enrichment activities	7
Nice teachers	Not enough privileges for K-3	lpads for every kid	30
Good food	Gym teachers aren't nice to special needs students	Shorter bus routes	
Recess and field trips	Not enough variety in the cafeteria	Better food	
No one is singled out, everyone gets to participate	Too crowded at lunch	Tablet built into seats on the school bus	6
Teachers encourage you to achieve your goals	Recess gets taken away for bad behavior	Seat belts on the school bus	10
All the kids are mixed together, good diversity	Too much reading	Bigger buses	
Encore classes	Too much homework	"Hovercrafts" to take us to school	1
Our school is like a family	Struggling students not getting enough help	More time for math	
Everyone can be themselves	Study hall overlaps with recess	All encore classes happen in one day	
It's a fun and safe school	Too crowded in the halls	Retired athletes to teach at school because they have more experience than gym teachers	
DARE program	Not enough classtime to finish our work	Teachers wouldn't have to follow Knox County's rules about how and what to teach	

Encourage each other to share ideas	Things are happening too fast in school and we're covering too much material	Elementary field trips that take us out of the country	11
Fun activities that teach you	School starts too early	Cleaner schools	2
	Not enough after-school clubs	Elementary schools should get lockers	
	All adults in the building aren't nice	Enough instruments so kids could take them home to practice	1
	Don't feel like adults trust kids		
	Don't sing age-appropriate songs		
Recess because you get a break	Bad food	More time between classes at middle schools and high schools	
Writing	Some teachers yell at us	Advanced "specials" classes	1
Math is challenging	School starts too early	More time for board games	
Reading	No after-school learning programs	Better school garden	
Special adreas	Unsafe and unsecure bathrooms	A wall in the hallway that is a chalkboard so students could decorate the school	9
Stations because you get to work on the computer	Recess gets cut short	More teacher supervision for safety	
We have a clinic	The whole class gets punished when one kid misbehaves	Only well-tempered and unique teachers that teach things in creative and active ways	6
Lunch because you get to talk to your friends	Learning gets interrupted a lot	More siene and social studies so it's equal to reading and math	1
Ipods	Indoor study hall happens during recess	More reading	
Nice, smart, caring teachers	Common core is too hard for the teachers to explain	An observatory that's climate controlled so we can learn from real-life things	6
Student council and safety patrol	4th and 5th graders need a better playground	Start learning geography	
Science		Stricter instructional schedule (to minimize interruptions)	2
Field trips		Every kid should have an Ipad	9
		Google glasses	9
		After-school clubs and activities	
		Giant student council that includes all grades	3

		Longer and more consistent time in rotations for math and reading	1
		More HW and not just on Mondays	6
		Bigger playground	7
		Principal should be a co-teacher or a volunteer in classes	