

# Seniority: Gripes and grumbles of the upperclassmen

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For centuries those young'ns who have entered high school have asked the eternal question: Why such heated feelings between upperclassmen and underclassmen?

"Why can't we all just get along!" said **Abbie Haas, 9.**

Well, for those that have continued wondering, here are the top five reasons why the upperclassmen find opportunities to disagree with freshmen. No worries, when the current underclassmen become upperclassmen, they'll not only understand, but will feel the same way.

It's not something that should be taken personally, freshmen everywhere have encountered the same issues with their beloved upperclassmen.

1) Freshmen crowded the halls. It was frustrating when upperclassmen wanted them to walk faster and not stop in the

middle of the hall.

2) Confidence was good, but being too egotistical was not.

3) Having older boyfriends/girlfriends seemed cool to the underclassmen, but upperclassmen had first dibs.

4) Drama and gossip only reminded upperclassmen of their Jr. High days; the ones they left behind.

5) Upperclassmen were older, therefore they did deserve respect. When freshmen become sophomores, they'll understand. But freshmen shouldn't fret about it, more years = more wisdom.

Just keep in mind, upperclassmen didn't really dislike freshmen, but had to keep up the tradition. Maybe with a little cooperation from both ends, and a little education for both ends as well, the ongoing dialogue can be put to rest.

"We could all be cool with each other," said **Avra Joffe, 9.**



**Move out of the way!** One of the biggest gripes that upperclassmen had with the underclassmen was that they constantly crowded the hallways. It was understood the first few days of school trying to find classes, but by mid-year, upperclassmen were waiting for the freshmen to learn to walk single file.

Advice to incoming Freshman:  
**Be respectful**

Why do you think upperclassmen resent underclassmen?



"I think because we're younger, we're like the younger brother, so they think they can treat us like one."

-**Kelsey Fairhurst, 9**



"...because they think they're better than us- so they can give us trouble."

-**Adrian Cone, 9**



"I think it's because underclassmen tend to copy upperclassmen on clothes, and even going to their parties."

-**Melanie McLaughlin, 9**