

## List of Argument Essay Topics

1. Should teachers' pay be based on students' standardized test scores?
2. Should student athletes be drug tested before they're allowed to play?
3. Should grades earned in P.E. classes not be counted in a student's grade point average?
4. Should P.E. classes be required every year of high school?
5. Should art classes be required every year of high school?
6. Should schools get cash bonuses from the state for high test scores?
7. If a student is caught cheating in a class, should he/she automatically fail that class?
8. Should performing 100 hours of community service be part of high school graduation requirements?
9. Most school years are 180 days long. Should the school year be longer?
10. Should high school drop-outs be required to join the military?
11. Should schools put tracking devices in students' I.D. cards?
12. Should it be illegal to put more than 30 students in class?
13. Should teachers be forced to limit the amount of homework given each night?
14. Should employers be required to pay their workers' hourly wage while their workers with children attend parent-teacher conferences during regular business hours?
15. Our country needs more scientists and engineers. Should students pursuing those two fields pay less college tuition than people in other majors on the same campus?
16. Should colleges no longer require applicants to have studied a foreign language?
17. Should schools provide unfiltered internet access?
18. Should schools be able to scramble/block cell phone service?
19. Should video cameras be placed in every classroom?
20. Should activities documented on social media be able to be used against students by school officials?
21. Should schools provide all classes online?
22. Should schools provide technology, such as laptop or tablets, for all students?
23. Should schools shift their start time so that they begin later in the morning and end later in the afternoon/early evening?
24. Should high school coaches be required to give equal playing time to all players who make the team?
25. Should schools be allowed to sell only healthy foods to students?
26. Should people be allowed to post videos of school fights online?
27. Should teachers and school staff members be prohibited from being online friends or followers of their students?
28. Should students be prohibited from bringing cell phones to school?
29. Should teachers be forced to retire at a certain age?
30. Should school uniforms be mandatory for teachers?
31. Should minors be allowed to get tattoos or piercings without parent permission?
32. Should the legal driving age be increased to age 18?
33. Should the voting age be lowered to age 16?
34. Should media images manipulated with filters or Photoshop be required to carry a label?
35. Should English teachers allow emojis to be used in formal writing by their students?
36. Should the government prohibit paparazzi from taking pictures of celebrities who don't want to be photographed?
37. In addition to doing jail time, should professional athletes who break the law (ex: drug use, illegal gambling, domestic abuse, etc.) be banned from their sport?
38. Should people be prohibited from owning exotic animals, such as tigers or alligators, as pets?
39. Should cities provide free internet access?
40. Should the government increase the sales tax on high-fat, high-sugar junk foods?
41. Should America stop using the penny?
42. Should America convert to the metric system?