

Raneem
Primary Research

Interviews

Questions

1. When did you transfer to this school?
2. What was your initial reaction knowing you were going to transfer?
3. What feelings were you experiencing before school started?
4. What feelings did you experience the first day?
5. What was your first day like?
6. Did you know anyone at the school?
7. Did you feel welcomed?
8. Did anyone introduce you?
9. Were YOU able to go out of your way and talk to others?
10. Did the teachers try to make you feel welcomed?
11. Was there any anxiety heading into that first day?
12. If yes to the previous question, how long before it subsided?
13. Looking back was there anything you wish you did differently?
14. Is there anything you wish the school did differently? (staff, students, etc)
15. How long have you been at the school now?
16. Do you feel that you have a stable group of friends?
17. When new students come do you try and include them?
18. What would you tell a student who is nervous to start a school year at a new school?
19. Is there anything you would tell the students to do when a new student comes to the school?
20. How do you think this experience helped you grow and what did you take from it?

Noor Shanshal

15 years old

in 3rd grade in 2012

1. really excited but kind of sad to leave my friends
2. nervousness and excitement
3. mist excitement but some anxiety
4. really easy going and fun
5. no
6. yes
7. my 3rd grade home room teacher Mrs.Schessow
8. oh yes of course i was very social
9. by explaining the system and helping me make new friends
10. definitely
11. like until the end of the second day
12. not at all

13. not at all it was perfect
14. 7-8 years
15. yes
16. not unless we have a class with them. it's hard to know who's new because
17. yes
18. there are so many people
19. to seriously be themselves and outgoing. not to be afraid to speak
20. to be nice
21. it helped me learn how to be more social and how different people can be and how there is a different culture in every school

Ramsha Saleem

1. 10th grade
2. Switching was more a special case. She didn't know too much about the school because it wasn't in her hometown.
3. Nervous about making friends because it was a large school.
4. School system was unique so at first she was confused but eventually got used to it
5. Really nervous, hesitant to ask for directions, didn't want to seem dumb, and eventually got used to the environment
6. She knew some people within the community but they didn't know she went to the school. She tried to introduce herself without being awkward.
7. The school was big and no one knew you were new so not really.
8. No
9. She did to some people, but not too much
10. They didn't really know so they didn't do much
11. Yes because she wasn't too familiar with the classes and schedules
12. Within the first week
13. No, but could have asked more questions when lost
14. Buddy up with someone to show you around
15. One year
16. Yes
17. Yes
18. Be you, it will all work out and remember that people are temporary
19. Don't be rude
20. She learned that there is so much unnecessary drama in high school. That you'll be fine without friends and not any two high school experiences are the same

Yasmeen Ogaily

1. 6th grade 2016
2. Really sad because she expected to be with her friends from elementary through middle and high school
3. Really excited but also nervous
4. Some people new each other which made her nervous to make friends

5. She found a girl she knew and without her she would have been lost
6. No, other than the one girl
7. The teachers made her feel welcomed but students not so much
8. Teachers introduced her and another girl introduced herself followed by other girls and they eventually all became friends
9. Yea to some people
10. They did good
11. Not really. Once she found a friend (the girl) she felt better
12. About an hour into the first day
13. To be less shy and more extroverted
14. They all did an awesome job. They had many icebreakers that were awkward but helpful
15. 4th year (freshman in highschool)
16. Yea
17. Yea, most of her group are typically new kids
18. To not be super shy and try to talk to others
19. To treat new students how you would like to be treated
20. She liked having a fresh start. She met some of the best friends ever and overall it was a good change