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I'm 66 now and public school sucked then too. I went to private school until the 5 th grade and bc of the higher expectations to learn when I was forced to transfer to public school, I didn't have to crack a book until my junior year. I finally dropped out bc of the bad behavior being permitted in the school, with 11 electives and 2 history classes remaining to graduate. I chose to finish at a junior college with normal PLL. Thank God!!! It's a crime to force students to sit in a class that could be taught in 3 months w/out all the PC brainwashing even then. You can teach yourself if you can read and write and they refuse to teach our kids this. This is treason. Let's give these kids a choice. And send a message to public education. Now I didn't choose to go for a GED. I was able to take placement tests and scored high bc of my mom's tutoring. And was able to count my classes through correct choices twice. Once toward a high school equivalency and toward college transferable credits. I do see a problem with letting parents refuse the kid. bc for me there was a stipulation in my parents' divorce that said if any kid entered college before the age of 18 the child support would have to continue to the age of 25 or end if they left college. I believe this may be standard bc neither parent asked to put this into the agreement. So if you have a flake of a parent, which we have so many today, 1 or both could refuse. And there is always a good reason any kid wants to get out of these hell holes. This will not help the dropout rate. Simply bc most of these kids including the grads can't READ! We need to sue these schools if our kids can't even read. You might also ask why attendance is not taken by these schools! Like- not there, no \$. So ignore truancy.