


The Rule I Would Change Is:

When Ms. Rodriguez asked the students at Abigail Adams Junior High to think about a school rule they would change, the Beacon Street Girls had some very creative ideas! Here are some examples of proposed rule changes from the BSG. Avery thinks that everyone is an individual and therefore no one, when filling out personal information on a standardized test, should have to check the “other” box. Maeve thinks that they should be able to play good music before class starts, and Katani thinks that they should not have assigned seating the first week of class.

Directions:

Think about a rule *you* would like to change.
Write in the area to the right.



 1. Why do you think this rule was created?

 2. What are some reasons that this rule might need to be changed?

 3. If this rule is changed, whom will it affect?

 4. What will be the benefits of changing this rule?

 5. What are some suggestions to change this rule?

Think about people who might be able to help you accomplish your goal.

Girls Who Changed the Rules!

Real Girls ...
Amazing Stories

Wow!

Girls Inc. of New Hampshire

Girls from Girls Inc. of New Hampshire wanted to make it easier for people in wheelchairs to get around their Girls Inc. building. With a video camera, they toured their building and highlighted the areas that were not easily accessible for people with disabilities. With the help of staff members, they prepared a presentation of what they found and made suggestions to a group of leaders in their community.

Some of the changes they suggested have already been made!

high five!

Girls Inc. of Waterbury, CT

Girls from Girls Inc. of Waterbury decided to do something about the frequent lack of paper towels or soap in their school bathrooms. The girls partnered with a school teacher, librarian, nurse, and health educator who helped them develop a presentation to the school assistant superintendent, who then helped them get a commercial on local television. The girls also wrote to Congresswoman Nancy Johnson, who lent her support to the campaign.

amazing!

Girls Inc. Girl Frock!

A group of Girls Inc. girls sat down with a group of magazine editors and media professionals to share their ideas about what changes they would like to see in magazines. The project? Create the ultimate magazine for girls! The result? Three strong, smart, and bold magazines: One-on-One, Girl+, and Girl (spelled upside down, to stress the idea that the magazine will flip gender stereotypes around!) - that speak to a diverse group of girls.

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