

LOVE is in the AIR...

Back in the Day: dating has changed through the years

by Carly Buskirk

Exchanging class rings, girls wearing their boyfriends' letter jackets, or going to drive-in movies; all of these things are typical signs of dating back when our teachers and parents were in high school. So, what else was dating like "back in the day"?

Dating has changed quite a bit from back then to now and many say it's taken a turn for the worst. "We had more respect; we were not driven by an animal need based on hormones. PDA would have never been an issue," ELL teacher Mary Ann Mattingly said. Business teacher Kristi Griffiths had a similar opinion. "Kids are getting involved in relationships far above what they are ready to handle. Kids are still just kids. Unfortunately, the media, internet, and sometimes parents are pushing or allowing activities which encourage kids to engage in behaviors they are not ready for."

One of the biggest differences between then and now involves technology. Technology has had a huge impact on dating in high

school today. "Without texting, relationships wouldn't exist today," English teacher Jarod Ockander said. Middle school social studies teacher Lisa Bales believes social networking is the biggest difference. "It makes relationships visible very quickly; also cell phones allow for as much contact as couples want, whereas we had to rely on sharing land lines."

Back then a typical date was going out to eat then a movie, or just driving

around. "We would go out to eat and then to a drive-in movie. The guy would always pick you up at home and he paid for it all, we also had to be home by curfew," art teacher Margaret Detmer said. High school English teacher Larry Griffiths said cost was a big difference. "It was a lot cheaper to get into a show back then, only about \$1.50 to \$2."

Today dating still involves the typical movie and dinner combo,

but with a few differences. "I think because of the economy there is more cost sharing between the dates. Whereas back in my day the guy paid for the dates," physical education teacher Connie Lentz said.

However, junior Sierra Lee believes dating hasn't changed much at all. "I think all that's really changed are the places we go out to and how we dress," she said.

Single or Taken?



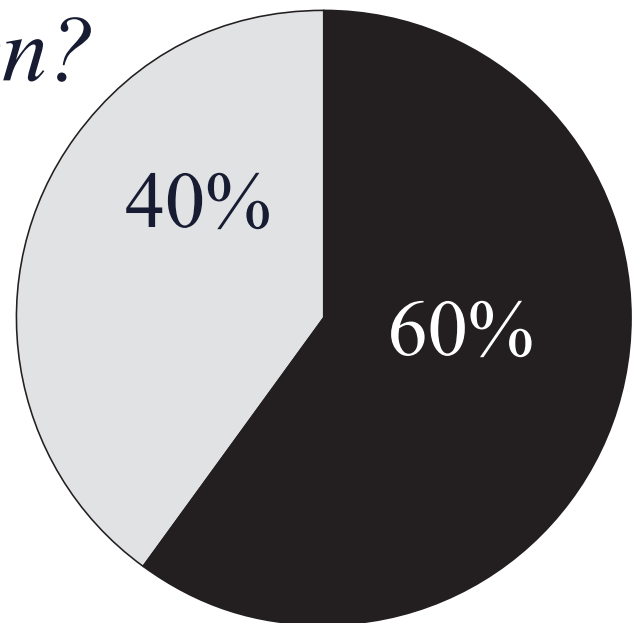
Taken



Single

15 students polled

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Relationships affected by long distances, age difference

by Elizabeth Hruska

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder..." but in high school, just how important are factors like dating someone from another school, and age differences?

Although dating always varies between couples, many find dating people from other schools a viable alternative. While, as in any relationship, there are disadvantages, the lack of face-to-face contact isn't necessarily a bad thing. "Dating someone from another school puts me out there. I just naturally meet more people through my girlfriend,"

junior Lucas Schmidt said. According to junior Gentry Dodson, out-of-school relationships can be very beneficial. "It gives the relationship time to grow even though you are apart. And not having every person know what goes on in a relationship is good, too," Dodson said.

Sometimes, it can be easy for a relationship to be strained early on, and dating someone from another school can help this as well. "Because you're not with that person every minute of every day, you don't get a chance to get annoyed. They say distance makes a relationship stronger, and it does help," sophomore Dillon Hicks said. Junior Becky Buntgen agreed. "I think it's a lot better experience.

You see them less often, and so when you do see them, it makes it more exciting."

But for senior Kala Kovar the differences from dating someone from a different and then the same school were huge. "Well, now I don't have to try and text in school...but it was a big change seeing him for just a few hours a day to every day all day."

Age is another factor that students must consider in a relationship. "Yes, age is a factor I consider, but for anyone, it's whatever you are most comfortable with," junior Allison Marvin said. Senior Staci Ossian agreed. "There's no real 'age' limit; it's up to your personal standards,"

Ossian said. "I wouldn't think that too many 16-year-olds date someone who's 30, but it can still happen."

While age differences are important in high school, those surveyed said that maturity levels are a partner issue. "I do think about age when dating. If I date someone younger than me, he might not be able to drive so I wouldn't see him as often. Younger people view life differently, but maturity and responsibility are factors too," Dodson said.

At the end of the day, a relationship will always be affected by age and location in some way, but in the long run it is always the couple's ability to adapt and accept differences that lets the relationship grow.

dating in high school

Checking it out: *what makes a good date?*

by Emma Mattingly & Lukas Fricke

Dating in high school? You might as well give up all hope now! How are you ever going to find a decent person *here?*

The Best

Many students at David City High School have their preferences towards dating, whether it's the qualities in their significant other or the activities on a date. Whatever those preferences are, there are always ups and downs to any relationship.

The personal traits and behaviors in a date are really important factors to any relationship. Considering what qualities people look for in a date, freshman Mollee Hallett said, "Funny, sweet, and a fun personality is great all around!" Most girls would agree that these qualities are crucial to all relationships, but taking a more testosterone point of view was senior Ryan Homan. "They have to be outgoing and enjoy the outdoors," he said.

But, the personality qualities may

not be the problem when it comes to a dating disaster. In Homan's case, he "picked her up and she looked like a clown." On the other hand, the problem might be you on your disaster date. "I was walking through the garage and I tripped, hit the Suburban, then the garage, and fell on my face," junior SamPhillips said about a disaster date she experienced.

But the negative side doesn't always prevail in teenage relations; the activities on the date are probably the most important part. A dream date could sound a little like sophomore Brooke Helgoth's fantasy date of "laying in the bed of a truck by a lake watching the sunset then looking at the stars." Teens won't probably always get the fantasy of their dreams, but there is always the option of double dating. "I love going on a double or a triple

date," freshman Shelby Heineman said.

The positive might outshine the negative, but actual conversing is at the top of dating musts. "I hate when they ignore you all day and don't talk to you until really late at night and then expect you to be happy!" Helgoth said. Communication is a sure way to get to know your date and see if the relationship can work. Without speaking you never get to know the person and the relationship is sure to go down the drain.

Dating in high school is quite the predicament. But not everything has to go wrong. First impressions will set off the beginning of a good or bad relationship.

The Worst

So, guys, if you ever have any trouble, try sophomore Dillon Hicks' bright idea of a pick-up line. "Guy: 'Will you marry me?' ... Girl: 'Shouldn't we go out first?'"

Couples you just can't miss

- Mr. Lentz (Staff)
- Mrs. Lentz (Staff)
- Mr. Griffiths (Staff)
- Mrs. Griffiths (Staff)
- Mr. Schaeffer (Staff)
- Mrs. Schaeffer (Staff)
- Aaron Schmid (12)
- Kacy Sutton (12)
- Lucas Kastl (12)
- Nikki Romshek (12)
- Ryan Homan (12)
- Ashley Bock (12)
- Spencer Siroky (12)
- Shelby McGill (12)
- Damon Richards (12)
- Carly Buskirk (11)
- Cody Thege (12)
- Danielle Divis (11)
- Kristian Magnuson (12)
- Jenn Lewis (11)
- Brandon Shatto (12)
- Shelby Heineman (9)
- Abe Stonewall (11)
- Sidnee Pavel (10)
- Tyler Broman (12)
- Kaci Pavel (11)
- Sean Kibodeaux (11)
- Kristin Potter (11)
- Jake Schwartz (11)
- Alissa Trainer (11)
- Trevor True (11)
- Andrea Nielson (12)
- Jake Veskrna (10)
- Hillary Sander (11)
- Derek Worm (10)
- Megan Hoeft (9)

Breaking up is hard to do...

What is the best way to break up with someone?

"Sit them down and give them a state-winning speech on why it won't work."

Brian Glock, senior



What is the worst way to break up with someone?

"Over the phone, through a text, on their birthday or anniversary, while on a date, when they're sleeping, during school, or in front of their family are horrible ways. I know from experience."

Phil Molacek, senior



What are some signs a relationship is in trouble?

"You're fighting more than usual about all the little things."

Nikki Romshek, senior



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