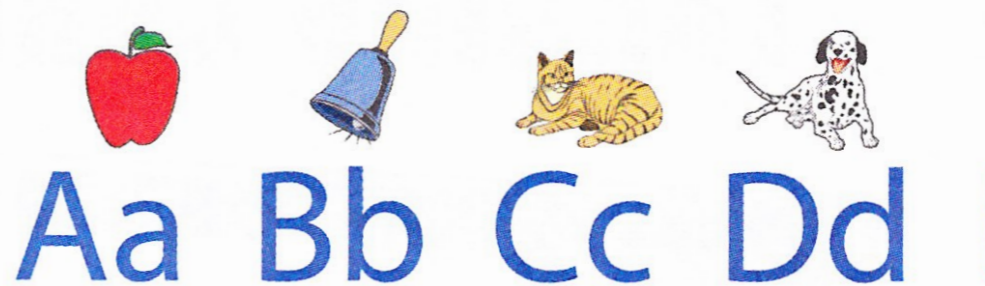


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## what commandments would you post in schools?

**F**irst it was school prayer. Now the religious right wants to post the 10 Commandments in classrooms. While this would seem to violate the First Amendment, which prohibits the government from endorsing a particular religion, supporters of the move say the 10 Commandments are a historical document, along the lines of the Magna Carta. Besides, students need codes of conduct. OK. With that in mind, we asked some of our favorite people what they would hang on school walls.

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- (1) Thou shalt not chase boys. That includes calling, e-mailing and asking them out. Boys must chase you.
- (2) Thou shalt not look up a boy's class schedule and then follow him around school, hoping he will notice you. He either notices you or he doesn't.

- (3) Thou shalt not hang out by his locker or lunch table, chatting and flirting. He must ask you out on dates (yes, by Wednesday for Saturday).
- (4) Thou shalt not write his term paper or do his math homework, hoping these favors will help him fall in love with you. They won't!
- (5) Thou shalt not sleep with him until you are going steady.
- (6) Thou shalt use condoms when having sex whether he likes it or not.
- (7) Thou shalt not smoke, drink or take drugs to be cool or because he does those things. That's not the way to get him anyway.
- (8) Thou shalt concentrate on studying, not getting your Mrs. degree.
- (9) Thou shalt not gain 50 pounds and take up grunge, but eat right, exercise

- and always look clean and pretty.
- (10) Thou shalt not make excuses for why the boy you like is not asking you out—term paper, finals, shy, etc. Thou shalt get honest with thyself.

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