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### Gum Chewing: Let It Be

Have you ever caught one of your students chewing gum? Have you ever gave a student detention for chewing gum? Well chewing gum is not such a terrible thing. Many students don't chew gum because there are rules against it. Just try to imagine what a classroom would look like when every student was chewing gum. More than half of Voorhees Middle School students chew gun daily. Although many teachers agree that chomping on a piece of gum makes unwanted sounds like an earthquake, it actually helps them concentrate, burns calories, and prevents habits.

Comment [jap1]: Attention Grabber: Anecdote/Echo

Comment [jap2]: Thesis

First of all chomping on a piece of gum in school helps you concentrate. A study showed that in school a student that was chewing gum while taking a test did better than the student not chewing gum. Gum chewing prevents you from talking and getting hungry/ cranky during class. It helps you get your mind off of everything and just work hard and focus. Even my mom agrees with me. In fact in Eastern High School gum chewing is aloud. It is not fair—Voorhees Middle School student should be able to as well. Make a difference and help the student bodies vote count as well. Not only does chewing gum help you concentrate it also burns calories.

Comment [jap3]: Transition Sentence #1

According to Barack Obama "chewing gum is the new treadmill". Chewing on a piece of gum makes your mouth have to work. This helps burn calories in a nice and easy way that is tasty. Gum has many different flavors from mint to lush. In heath class my teacher from two cycles ago let us chew gum. She said if you want to stay active in a lazy and nonworking way chewing gum is the answer. Everyone is doing it knowing that most Americans in this day are very lazy. Nobody wants their students to become over weight. So ring that door bell in your head and smell life as it is. Chewing gum burns

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Comment [jap4]: Transition Sentence #2

It is obvious that many students chew gum out of school. Did they ever realize it prevents habits? Chomping on a piece of gum allows students to chomp on something other than their pen or pencil or even their hair, gross! There will be no more picking their nose and sticking it on the bottom of their desk or chair. A study showed that chewing gum tastes better and is better for you than picking noses. This act is so unsanitary and not a good example of a healthy and well-balanced learning environment. Teachers wouldn't like to have gross boogers, dirty and sticky, on the bottom of the desks in their classroom. Maybe it would be a good idea to help students mature into nice well-mannered young adults. Help them get rid of their nasty habits.

Now picture how your classroom would look with all your students chewing gum. More concentrated students healthy balanced weight students, and no more bit marks on your pens and pencils.

Your students are sitting nicely in their desks: good posture, eyes on you, paying attention, and not talking to other students. Teachers may believe that gum chewing is just a way to get gum on the bottom

Comment [jap5]: Zinger: Echo of Anecdote

of their desks but it however burns calories, prevents habits, and builds concentration. Now it is up to

Comment [jap6]: Restate thesis/position

you to make a difference. Let all the Voorhees Middle School teachers know that gum has a positive attitude on students. We are counting on you, don't let us down.

Comment [jap7]: Call to Action