

# Ruby's High School Journey

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High school, some of the most important years of our lives. These are the last few years we have to enjoy being kids, until we finally have to accept growing up and becoming responsible adults. Filled with fun adventures, lots of laughter, and making fond memories to look back on for the rest of our lives. As someone who just started high school, I thought it'd be interesting to hear the high school experience of someone who's almost done with school, so I interviewed Perry High School senior, Ruby Tozzi.

Freshman year, the starting point, is one of the hardest years of high school. With upperclassmen looking down on you and trying to keep up with all your school work, especially if you play sports, can be very stressful. "Honestly I had low expectations and knew that I was going to be at the bottom of the food chain freshman year," says Tozzi. Even though she doesn't really remember what her first day was like, she remembers how stressful it was not knowing where all her classes were. That's something that I also struggled with on my first day.

Another factor that can add into the stress of high school is switching schools, especially if it's in the middle of your four years of high school. Tozzi moved to Perry from Mentor High school her 10th grade year. As you can imagine, it was a difficult transition. Having to restart all over again and create new friendships, this was even harder with the COVID pandemic happening. Even though I didn't switch schools during the pandemic, I moved to Perry in the middle of my 8th grade year and it was also hard for me to get settled in.

Even by being weighed down by the stress of high school, it can also be fun sometimes. Think of all the fun memories you can make! One of Tozzi's memorable moments was during COVID, when her classes were online. Her dog interrupted her geometry class because she was having her puppies.

As an upperclassmen, there's going to be a lot of people looking up to you, especially the Freshmen and juniors. If there was advice Tozzi would give to underclassmen, it would be "Try everything, but know your limits."