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American high schools

Before you watch

1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 How many students are there at your school?
- 2 At what ages do students in your country start and finish school?
- 3 What subjects do you study? Do you have to study all these subjects or did you choose to study some of them?

Comprehension check

2  Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 How old are the students when they start at West Milford School?
 a twelve b fourteen c fifteen
- 2 What type of school is West Milford?
 a a public high school
 b a private high school
 c a public art school
- 3 What is an elective subject?
 a a subject you choose to study
 b a subject you have to study
 c a subject you study after school

3  Watch again. Number the lessons (A–G) in the order that you first see them.

- A woodwork
- B English
- C music
- D physical education
- E art
- F film photography
- G mechanics

4  Watch again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 It doesn't cost students any money to go to West Milford School. true / false
- 2 Each lesson is an hour long. true / false
- 3 Students must wear the same clothes to school every day. true / false
- 4 Physical education is an elective subject. true / false
- 5 Students don't have to use their own cameras in the photography class. true / false
- 6 Lots of students choose to study art. true / false
- 7 Students who study music must already play their own instrument. true / false
- 8 West Milford is a normal American high school. true / false

Round up

5 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Would you like to go to school in the USA? Why? / Why not?