

“What happens in our lives, positive and negative, is the result of the choices we make.” - Anonymous

## Dropping out is a Choice. Did you know?

- A high school dropout is eight times more likely to end up in prison than a high school graduate—75% OF ALL PRISON INMATES ARE DROPOUTS.
- It's nearly impossible for a dropout to get a meaningful job today.
- A college graduate will make \$1 million more over a lifetime than a high school dropout.

## *InsideOut* Trivia—Which inmate said the following:

- 1) Which inmate said, “If I would have hung around with a better crowd, a crowd that was going to exceed and excel, I wouldn't be in the predicament I'm in today”?  
**a) Billy b) Lisa c) Monique**
- 2) Which prison inmate said, “Education is the key to life, to success, to freedom, to everything”?  
**a) Denise b) Lawanda c) Lonzell**
- 3) Which prisoner wondered what impact he would have had on society if he stayed in school?  
**a) Shaber b) Billy c) Monique**

Answers: 1) c) 2) a) 3) b

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# Make a choice.

Have you thought about what you would like to do for a living? Write down three careers you are interested in. Then make the choice to make it happen.

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# Make a pledge.

I hereby pledge to get a **good education** and to make **good choices** in my life.

I choose to pay attention in class, study hard and **graduate from high school**.

I choose to hang around with friends that will have a **positive impact on my life**, and not jeopardize my future.

I choose to make smart choices, **to follow my dreams** and become all that I can be regardless of the challenges I encounter.

I choose **to make the most of my education**, graduate from high school and follow a path that will provide me with a good job, comfortable lifestyle and bright future.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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