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Personal Statement

Konnichiwa, ohayou, konbanwa, oyasumi ! Hello my name Is Zeo from City-As-School. I am currently eighteen with a full Japanese background, while my hometown is Henderson, Nevada, a very one sided influential suburban area which I loved but now hate. With a poor GPA, but a high SAT, in another words, a smart slacker, and this is some of the many reasons how/why City As School was the right choice for me.

My experience at City-As-School was very unique in one way, instead of having me revolve around the school, it revolved around me, which is more fitting for any students that can't follow the traditional public school system. City-As's objective is to get high schoolers graduate in a different environment from a the traditional public school system, and to also get you ready for what the world has to offer. It's a great way to actually become responsible, I mean you "have to" become responsible because what the school actually does, is that it entrust you to do well in a actual working environment by having you intern at companies and organization that are in need of interns. And in those more mature environments, I was able to do much better with my attendance and communication drastically, also the way they teach you through real world activities, is just a great way to develop social skills and self improvement. Basically taking these internships, the school helped me narrow down my path and my career choice exceedingly by developing a common sense in the environments I wanted to major in. I always had in mind to be a computer programmer or something along the line, also that aerospace engineering was

something that always fascinates me, but what interest me now is the renewable energy industry and being green efficiency, something that I never really dropped on before, but now that I took a long careful look, it is a possible career that sounds more soothing than the others.

Let's start off saying that I love beef, pork, chicken, and fish, totally irrelevant but something maybe relevant to you. I also love knowing small things here and there about coins, not the currency, but the metallic substance that every civilization can relate. I dig video games too, The ones that you have access anywhere to play with anyone at anytime (MMO). As you may already notice, it's not really the activities that I like, its more like how those activities become excessively likeable because I feel more attached to society. This is very important to me because I narrow myself to very few chances to interact with others. I never really thought of it as a problem before coming to New York, but once I did, i felt so incredibly helpless and new to even communicating to people, it felt like a new habit. Learning till now, I can conclude that I never really learned how to communicate that well. As very young, I was very active, but never with talking. I learned that I never actually made my own friends, It was all by other factors besides myself, and as you grow older communication is more important than any other factor, something that can't be overlooked. I guess I can also conclude that I was expecting to be treated as a someone that can get away from talking and expect them to like me for just listening, like a dog. I am currently learning the broad html and css along with some JQ because computer science is one of the fastest growing industry this era with 15% increase every year, also, that my I have a great mentor to teach me the basics. I also have some interest with microcontrollers and microprocessors like arduinos. I have been introduced to them couple years ago but never really

set my eyes on them, but now through the work of others during one of my internships, I grasp the fun activities we can achieve and that can actually be a type of career in the future.

And one thing I noticed was the lack of security, meaning that they are either not funded well enough to ensure everyone's safety and such or are using the money for a better reason, what is a better reason than feeling safe?Though a reason that sounds more ideally why they would do this is because they trust us very much. At the very least, there are patrol guards, but it's City-As-School, a school filled with mostly problematic high schoolers, not entirely, but surely a good amount of diddly influence heads, and I'm not saying that as a negative issue, it's just that's how much they want us to succeed, by throwing away their safety, to make us feel more comfortable, even when they have a bunch of macs and chromebooks. The staff members and teachers are what you expected from this alternative high school, mature, hard working, and just so awesome, they are filled with great personalities and understands us in a sense that I think they are the ones that makes City-As feel special, and even though the average age of the staff members are pretty young, I'm always reminded that "As I get older, I judge less on what they love to do best." Whenever I step on school's fresh soil. In my honest opinion What this school is trying to achieve, is something more than just having people pass high school and get on with their lives, but to create a community that is so diverse, young or small, black or smart, to put a workforce in front of the people we care about.