

Student Voices on Discrimination Clip 5 Transcript

In high school I did want to start wearing the hijab [Muslim headscarf] but I just didn't have the courage to because I didn't have that social support, or comfort zone to do that, so I delayed it. But even though my friends knew that I wanted to, I just didn't have the courage to. That could be related to clubs but I feel like there wasn't as much diversity for me to feel comfortable to do that. A lot of the teachers didn't understand that even though I was a part of the MSA and I had to leave during a certain time during class for Friday Prayers. A lot of the teachers didn't know what that was, or were not aware of it themselves, so they thought I was using that as an excuse to skip class or leave the classroom. So it was a bit difficult for me. I didn't feel that it would be that easy to do in high school.