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Living Alone Poses Choices

No parents, no curfew, parties whenever they want. Is this a perfect world? No. These are just a few of the misleading ideas students think of when they venture out on their own for the first time.

Many seniors dream about the day when they are free to choose and live without their parents to make decisions. There are also drawbacks to living without parents. "I can't wait to get out on my own, but first I need a lot of money to pay bills that I never really thought of," said senior Lori Bates. But without parents there are also many luxuries. "When I move out, I'm going to be free to have parties whenever I want, not just when my parents go away," said senior

Starting out on their own includes buying groceries, managing money, and dealing with everyday dilemmas parents normally help with. "My roommates are going to have to do the cooking because I'm kinda limited," said Kara.

Although the positive side of

single or apartment living is promising, there are also drawbacks. If students leaving high school can overcome new found obstacles such as learning the correct way to do laundry, they can begin their transformation into adulthood.

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