

The Downfall of Uniforms

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Uniforms have always been a part of the school system, but has it become a bigger problem lately? Yes, lately they have been a big issue for parents and students that can't afford them. Families can't afford to pay for expensive uniforms and usually have to cut back on food. In our our opinion, uniforms are a waste of money because the students are only going to wear them once. It can lead to bullying because kids want to express their "true identity" or the way they want to dress. With less money, families can't afford to get a good education for their child.

First off, many parents can't afford to buy uniforms for students. Most families have low-paid jobs and aren't able to afford to get as many things as they need. Since being in school requires students to have uniforms to wear, they have to get uniforms for their kids. If they don't fit properly, they might be sent home or suspended. Since they spend most of their money on uniforms and school supplies, they usually cut back on stuff such as eating to be able to afford uniforms. They also can't express their "true identity."

Second, the lack of necessities affects students' education and can often lead to bullying since bullies are always picking on kids with unusual outfits. Uniforms kind of hide that bullying but it is still happening. Uniforms don't help with the bullying problem. Schools say that adding uniforms can help stop bullying because they would all be equal, but it doesn't help at all. Students like to show their personalities by wearing a certain type of clothes, but taking that away practically says that everyone should be the same. This will eventually lead to a major fall in school grades. For example, let's say a student has to wear a uniform and still gets bullied. That student will probably get bad grades because they are scared of going to school or hate it. Sometimes students get suspended because they wear free dress, which can also affect a

student's education. With a lot of suspensions, it can give colleges a bad thought about that one student. Why you may ask, because of the unfairness of dress code.

Thirdly, there are people who say dress code has its benefits. Let's see what they think. In the article "5 Benefits of a School Dress Code," they argue that "dress code promotes a more serious atmosphere which emphasizes academics and promotes good behavior." This is not exactly true since dress code can only promote hate to uniforms. Think about it, the majority of students don't like to wear uniforms. They'd rather wear whatever they want. In another article "Benefits of School Uniforms," they claim that "clothing that displays any form of vulgarity or gang reference encourages hostility, which sidetracks students from their education and positively participating in school activities." It is true that certain types of clothes scare students, but it's also based on the personality. Let's say a student wears a gang reference on his shirt, but is actually is pretty nice. And a guy who is wearing a uniform can actually be really mean. Uniforms pretty much take away the person you are and tell you that you need to be someone more professional.

Lastly, there are always solutions to a problem. Dress code is not necessary, but there can be help for those families that cannot afford it. For example, charities help those families who can't afford uniforms by giving their children the right size clothing and shoes. Perhaps this school can get a grant, which gives students free uniforms and school supplies. In conclusion, parents and students can both relax knowing that dress code won't affect them anymore.

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