

Uniforms? Dress Codes? Or Free Choice?



Yes! Uniforms Stop Bullying

From my experience in life I do think children should wear uniforms to school. When I was growing up, I felt embarrassed at school because I didn't wear what other kids wore. I wasn't fashionable. I was mistreated and called names on a daily basis. My self esteem got to a low point because I didn't fit in with the crowd. I felt I wasn't learning in school. I let the criticism bother me when it never should have.

Lisa DeLeon, Project Hope, Boston, MA

Yes! Uniforms Stop Peer Pressure

There is every indication that wearing uniforms might reduce peer pressure and put the emphasis back on learning. Imagine for a moment the possibility of learning without all the distraction of fashion commercialism.

Maria Norried, Fort Smith, AR

Yes! Uniforms Stop Discrimination

Parents will save money if students wear uniforms because uniforms are not as expensive as regular clothing. Many students insist on wearing expensive clothing with brand names while other students must wear cheap clothing. This discriminates between poor and rich students.

Nhi Thu Tran, Fort Smith, AR



Yes! Dress Codes Support Safety, Respect, and Freedom

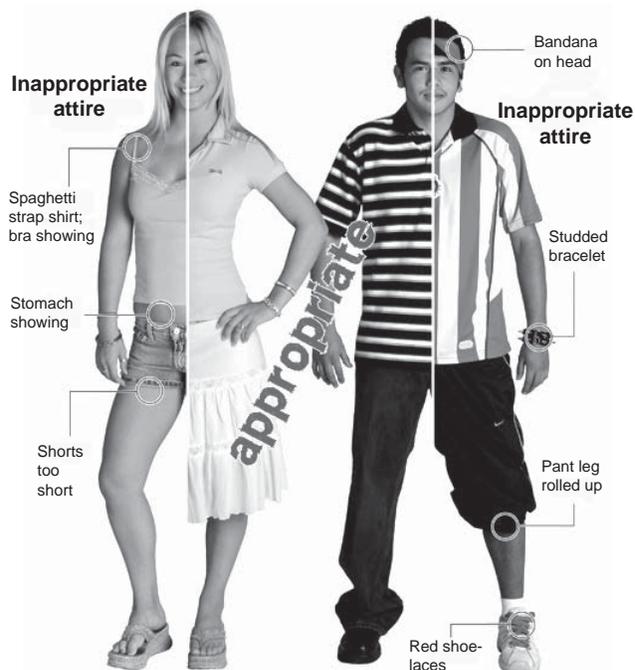
With the growing violence among young people, it is essential that schools have a dress code. Gang dress, such as bandanas and baggy clothing, spreads fear instead of focusing on learning. Oversized pants can easily conceal weapons or drugs. A dress code does not take away anyone’s individuality nor their free spirit or freedom. What it does support is self confidence and self respect.

Mike Fiorino, North Kansas City Public Schools, Kansas City, MO

Yes! Dress Codes Teach Our Children

Kids need to have a dress code in schools. Dressing in belly shirts or wearing short shorts is a distraction to other students. Dress codes can teach our kids how to dress professionally.

Amelia Hasten, N. Kansas City Public Schools, Kansas City, MO



Dress code poster from Washoe County in Reno, NV.

Yes! Free Choice for the “Land of the Free”

The United States is the land of freedom, not the land of uniforms and dress codes. It is hard to be an individual when you look just like everyone else. You should be able to show your personality through your clothing. To stand out and shine seems impossible if you cannot express yourself through your clothing. The U.S. is the land of free choice; to have clothing mandated is wrong.

Shawn Zack, North Kansas City Public Schools, Kansas City, MO

Yes to Free Choice! Diverse Clothing for Diverse People

No one should dictate what we wear. One of the greatest opportunities about living in the U.S. is to have freedom of expression. Our country has many people from different places. People have different beliefs, religions, and backgrounds, and all that diversity is reflected in their clothing. If institutions and society begin to dictate our clothing there would be great chaos and rebellion.

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