

## **Why School Uniforms Should be Mandatory**

Are school uniforms necessary? In private school, uniforms are often the norm—but in public school most students have the option of wearing casual dress when they come to class. While uniforms may be restrictive and clash with personal preference, they actually do have some good points. For example, it's one less thing that students have to worry about when they get ready for school in the morning. This paper will show why mandatory school uniforms can actually make life easier for students and schools.

First of all, school uniforms can help to eliminate the problem of peer pressure that students often face when trying to decide what they should wear. Considering the fact that not every student has money to spend on the latest trends in fashion, school uniforms offer a less expensive alternative that can eliminate the peer pressure that goes with having to dress according to the latest styles. Students can focus more on studies and less on trying to stand out, fit in, or be respected and admired based on the quality of their fashion statements. True, students who want to express themselves stylistically will have to find another way to assert themselves; however, for the majority of students, uniforms would be a welcome change as there is never a question of having to decide what to wear or fearing that one's wardrobe isn't good enough. Everyone is wearing the same thing!

Secondly, school uniforms can help to promote a more formal environment in the school. That means students are more likely to adhere to the rules and regulations of the school, as uniforms promote the concept of conformity and regularity—which is good for schools! Uniforms suggest that everyone is on the same page and everyone is expected to show up and do one's duty. Uniforms encourage propriety, good form and good manners. Uniformed students are more likely to show respect for their teachers than students who are used to asserting themselves, demonstrating their own will and desire in their dress, and showing off.

Finally, school uniforms foster school spirit. They help students to identify themselves as members who owe allegiance to the school. They instill in students a sense of belonging and the knowledge that they themselves represent the school. By wearing a uniform that sports the logo or emblem of the school and the school's colors, the students show that they are willing to reflect the values and mission of the school in their own person. In other words, uniforms help students to stifle their own self-centeredness and be part of something bigger than themselves.

In conclusion, school uniforms offer a lot of positive qualities. Students who wear the school uniform are less likely to face peer pressure about their fashion preferences than

students who do not have a uniform and must pick out their own wardrobe on a daily basis. They are also more likely to respect authority and the rules of the school, and have school pride. School uniforms might not be to everyone's taste, but the benefits of having them certainly cannot be denied.

## Conclusion

The 500-word essay is a short essay that allows a student to utilize the basic 5-paragraph model to make a point, support it with three brief body paragraphs, and then wrap it up in a succinct conclusion. It can be used in a variety of essay genres. Depending on the subject matter, your essay may deviate from the 5-paragraph model. In some cases, you may only have 2-3 paragraphs. In other cases, you may have more.