

# Editorial: Are School Uniforms Coming?

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The possibility of school uniforms has been a serious topic of discussion among students, members of the community, faculty, and administrators for the past couple of years. There has been much controversy over this possibility, as both positive and negative discussions about this possibility of having school uniforms. *The Warcry* decided to look into the rumors and speculation in an attempt to shed light on the growing debate.

Through interviews with high school teachers and administration, *The Warcry* discovered that the majority of these people would like to see our school system incorporate school uniforms. In their opinion, school uniforms would decrease school dress code violations, promote school spirit, cut down on

diversity among students, reduce gang activity, take the pressure off students to wear certain types of clothing, and focus on the main purpose of schooling: to learn. Research has shown that schools that incorporate uniforms have an increase in standardized test scores and an extreme reduction in behavior problems.

There are many parents, students, and some teachers who strongly disagree with the idea of school uniforms. Their main arguments against uniforms are that uniforms take away the right of students to express themselves through the way they dress, the simple fact that students

just do not want to have uniforms, and the expense of having to buy clothes just for school use and out of school use. Some parents do not see that school uniforms are necessary in the least bit, because they believe it is their job to dress their children appropriately. These people would prefer to continue with our current dress code because they find no need or want in school uniforms.

While both sides have quality arguments, I personally believe that it would be beneficial to our school system to incorporate school uniforms with the mindset of improv-

ing our school system. So, after a lengthy interview with assistant school superintendent Jerry Prince, I now have a greater understanding of how school uniform policies work. In the uniforms, there would not be a particular shirt required but there would be required shirt colors of maroon, gray, and white. Students would have the options of pants, shorts, skirts, etc. in khaki and black. Prince stated, "Dressing correctly for the job at hand is an important life skill to have." Prince further believes this will better prepare students for the workforce. Although I agree with most of the things said about school uniforms, I believe there should be certain days when students can dress how they want to such as casual Fridays, Spirit Days, and special days when you can buy a sticker and have the right to wear what you want as long as it is appropriate.



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