

## Pro-con: Should students have to wear school uniforms?

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Editor's note: The following is a pro-con column penned by a pair of Barker Middle School students, addressing the topic of school uniforms.

By Kayla Campbell

I do not believe students need to wear school uniforms. Uniforms limit personality, and they don't let you express yourself.

Some may say they reduce bullying, but from my experience and what I have seen, there is no difference. I have seen people bully people about things from appearance to the way they act. School uniforms do not stop bullying.

Also, some may say school uniforms keep students focused. But most students are distracted by phones, friends and other objects that they constantly spend their time with.

Another problem with school uniforms is the cost. School uniforms can cost a lot of money; families have to buy around 3-5 sets of uniforms, when the students could have just gotten any outfit out of their closet.

So, these are the reasons why I think students should not have to wear uniforms.

By Serenity Rife

I believe students should wear uniforms. Without uniforms, schools may possibly get a little unorganized.

Uniforms allow a good environment for students to feel like nobody is greater than another and every single person is welcome.

Of course, some students have more money than others. When students show up with nicer or newer clothes, students who do not have as much money may feel a little "left out." If you feel excluded from others because you do not have the nicest things, it may affect your ability to learn.

With uniforms, each student is wearing the same things so nobody feels bad about themselves or the state they or their families are in.

I believe students should wear uniforms; it will be better for them and their learning.

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