

Example Essay #2

Why Children Should Not Wear Uniforms!

The debate between whether a school should enforce wearing uniforms or not has been going on for years. The people in favor of uniforms say that uniform schools have safer, more organized environments and that the children perform better academically. They also argue that uniforms save money. Even though the reasons for uniforms are good, the reasons against uniforms are stronger. Children should not be forced to wear uniforms because youths need their individuality, uniforms actually cost parents more money, and some kids find them uncomfortable.

Uniforms should not be required because they stop kids from having individuality. If children aren't allowed to express themselves through clothing, they would use another way of expression like makeup or graffiti. Some people might argue that kids can still express themselves on the weekend, holidays, or on free dress days. However, that is probably not enough days for children to really feel like themselves. It is more important to avoid making kids fit in one mold and to allow them to be different.

Uniforms do not actually save money because they are expensive to purchase. If uniforms are required, parents have to buy all of the uniforms at the store that sells them and buy clothes for after school also. This probably costs more than just buying regular clothes. In addition, the uniforms will have to be cleaned a lot. This means parents will have to spend more time and money cleaning them, or buy several uniforms. People think that uniforms are a good idea because parents don't have to spend money buying designer clothing. Actually, uniforms don't save money because kids still want the clothes for after school and on the weekends.

Requiring uniforms is not a good rule because they can be less comfortable than regular clothes. Some of the materials used can be rough or itchy, and some of the sweaters can be too warm. If you are wearing uncomfortable clothing, you won't be able to learn as much at school. People might think that uniforms make the kids look neater. However, it is more important to feel good about yourself than to look neat to someone else. Some kids might not like wearing collared shirts, coats, and ties. It's better to let kids choose so they find the clothing that is most comfortable for them. That way, kids will do their individual best at school.

In conclusion, I think that children shouldn't wear uniforms to school because they stop kids' individuality, they don't save money, and they aren't always comfortable. If the administrators of a school want to keep the children safe during field trips or have spirit days, they don't have to enforce a uniform policy. Instead, they can make a school non-collared t-shirt to wear on those special days.