

# School Uniforms Are Opposed by Students and Parents Alike

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School uniforms were initially meant for private schools or religious schooling. In recent years public schools are going down the uniform route, it has gone from 12% of public schools requiring uniforms to 20%. Uniforms are mostly worn in elementary and middle schools; only 10% of high schools use uniforms. Even in 1987 “most parents supported the idea and ‘almost all’ students wore uniforms,” (ProCon)

In 1996, Bill Clinton stated his in a speech that supported uniforms to Congress. “If it means that teenagers will stop killing each other over designer jackets, then our public schools should be able to require their students to wear school uniforms,” (ProCon) More people should reconginize that uniforms restrict and prevent students from showing their personalities.

In an article by ProCon.org, they state that everybody has individual freedom, “...all individuals have the right to express themselves freely.” Some may argue that it’s hard to “shed” their rights at the school doors gate. In Sweden, a government agency determined that uniforms were a human rights violation. “Dress and appearance should be considered an individual expression, decided by the students

themselves,” (ProCon). In another discussion by greatschools.org, they claim that uniforms are a bandaid for school violence and are an unfair tax for parents that have to pay for public education. It’s hard to enforce a new policy, especially when the majority of the parents (taxpayers) of the public schools in the area don’t want to. All in all students and communities would benefit from having a choice in what they wear.

