

Dress Codes Target Females

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Girls all around the world are judged because dress codes for girls are often unfair and a form of gender discrimination. It is clear to most people that boys' dress code is very limited and not targeted. Girls are often sexualized based on what they are wearing. Womens clothing are often subjective to a more strict dress code than mens. Men and womens clothing are manufactured differently having mens shorts longer so they don't have to worry about being dress coded on the length. The rules of what women "should" be wearing could possibly be outdated, having sexist ideas about what is really appropriate. Women are often told to "cover up" or "hide their bodies" although men are

not held to the same standards. This reinforces the idea that women and their bodies are always sexual and need to be controlled.

This brings me to the fact that women's bodies can be distracting to other people in the class, especially the men and boys in the class. It could be called disrespectful to show your belly button in class or even your shoulders because it is "distracting". But if a girl showing her shoulders, belly button, or even her legs is distracting to the boys in her class maybe it is not just the girls fault.

"I've never seen a boy called out for his attire even though they also break the rules," says Sunseri, who last

summer produced *Shame: A Documentary on School Dress Code*. People need to understand that as the years go on the clothing for girls is changing and the dress code for women should change with it.

I understand that some clothing is obviously not appropriate for school. Clothes that have derogatory words or words that say something controversial and offensive should not be allowed at school. Furthermore there should be more equality in dress codes because it allows students to be creative and express themselves. Schools should be celebrating students being creative and not tearing them down based on what they wear.

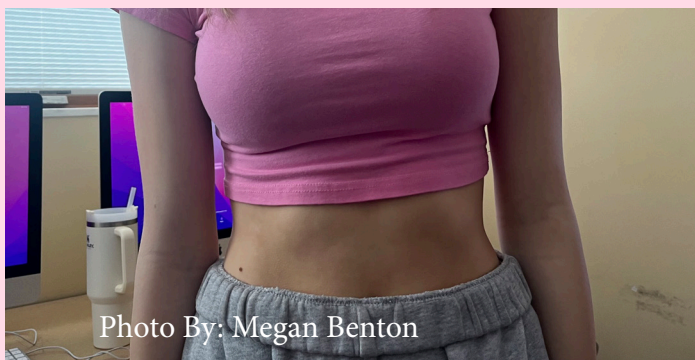


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This what "normal" clothing for girls in high school are these days. Some people may disagree with it but thats just how it is. Nothing about this clothing is distracting or disrespectful.



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Lululemon is a popular brand for girls, boys, men and women all around the world. They are known for their running attire. There is nothing wrong with this girls outfit right now although teachers will find the find to "dress code" Because they think her shorts are too short .