

Should Dress Codes be Implemented in Schools

School dress codes have long been a topic of debate between students, parents, and administrators. Many students have claimed to use clothing as a form of expression and way to show off their own individual styles and personalities, but schools have persisted in using the same argument that dress codes avoid distractions and keep schools safer.

Schools claim that the reason for dress codes has to do with safety and fairness. But, further research and calculations have proven that students of color are more likely to be affected by these policies and face consequences due to them, making these students feel less safe, rather than more. Reports have found that dress codes often restrict items typically worn by girls and that rules about hair and head coverings often impact Black students and students of some religions and cultures.

Another common issue associated with dress codes are the consequences that come with breaking it. When students fail to follow the dress code this often leads to them getting pulled out of class and missing instructional time. Stricter dress code policies lead to more kids being pulled out of class and missing important information which can end up making their lives harder in school.

The question of whether dress codes and uniforms are beneficial when it comes to promoting a safe school environment remains unanswered and heavily debated, but there is a substantial amount of evidence that shows that the way dress codes are currently being enforced in schools is unfair and targets certain students more than others.