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Part 1: All the reasons you are FOR a dress code in Public Schools

- *Decrease tension and bullying
- *It is a distraction
- *Safety
- *Improve respect and performance
- *feel less stressed
- *more focused
- *improves self esteem
- *Easier in the morning girls---- less of a competition of whos wearing what
- * Less costs-> couple uniforms 300 dollars less
- * Dress code (shirt,tie,pants) -> less worrying, still have a choice,
- *Good to be presentable for school

Part 2: What questions/more information do you think your group needs to have a stronger argument?

- *statistics/proof of how it decreases violence and bad behavior
- *real examples of kids improving on school work
- *quotes from teachers about how it can increase performance and why it is good
- *quotes from kids saying it is easier and they like school better with a dress code
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Part 3:

What parts of the WMS dress code do you **agree** with?

- *no uniform
- *no inappropriate graphics
- *no hats or head where unless medical or religious reasons
- *no droopy pants or midriff showing

What parts of the WMS dress code do you **disagree** with?

- *changing into gym clothes or calling parents first time or going home to change

What are you confused by/need clarification in terms of what is in the WMS dress code policy?

- *there is no clear consequence if you where something inappropriate for the second time
- *What about gym class is it the same dress code?
- *for after school activities is the dress code enforced?
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Some schools even require students to have the belt line exposed at all times for fear of guns concealed under clothing. Fresno Pacific University News

they lead to a safer educational environment that increases students' ability to learn, increases equality between the sexes and tolerance among ethnic and social groups. Fresno Pacific University News

educators report a decrease in violence, a reduction of fights in schools and improved student achievement when dress codes have been implemented. Fresno Pacific University News

President Clinton endorsed them in his 1996 State of the Union address. Fresno Pacific University News

The manual stated potential benefits, such as decreasing violence and theft, preventing students from wearing gang-related colors to school, instilling student discipline, helping to resist peer pressure, helping students concentrate on academics and aiding in recognition of intruders. Fresno Pacific University News

overall crime was down 14.7 percent and there was an improved sense of belonging and tolerance. Fresno Pacific University News

PART OF ARTICLE **READ:**

I confess that sometimes I think all schools should ask kids to wear uniforms, a move that would eliminate a lot of the issues that surround wardrobe -- cost, the time kids take obsessing about what to wear, the time teachers and administrators take to enforce the dress code.

But research on the effect of uniforms in schools is mixed. Some has shown no direct effect of uniforms on substance use, behavioral problems or attendance; some schools in which uniforms were introduced showed moderate improvements in test scores and behavior, but there was no way to attribute that to dress code alone.

Besides, kids would still obsess about how to individualize their uniform, and teachers/administrators spend time monitoring the dress code anyway.

Perhaps common sense is the best approach. Parents need to take a look at what their kids are wearing when they go to school. If the skirt is so short that your child really can't sit comfortably, have her change. If a shirt is so tight that the first thing you notice -- and keep noticing -- is your daughter's bust, have her change. If your son's pants are so low that his underpants are hanging out, have him change. This isn't really that hard.

As for teachers, the one lesson we can take away from this Seneca Valley is that teachers should never, ever, speak in a derogatory way about a student -- at least within earshot of anyone who can report back.

Washington Post, Common Sense of School Dress Codes

IMPORTANT INFO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The percentage of students who made the honor roll increased at John Adams from 31.4 percent to 43.3 percent. With tuck-in polo shirts and khaki pants or skirts.
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"School kids are usually ridiculed if they aren't wearing the right brand of peer-approved clothes.

In some cases, this rejection can lead to aggressive evil acts or suicide," notes family therapist Carleton Kendrick of familyeducation.com.

<http://www.bluesuitmom.com/family/education/schooluniforms.html> (Vote fore daily)