Why Wear Uniforms?

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Wearing uniforms in the school system is a big issue among teens, parents, and the school faculty. By wearing uniforms, it can eliminate the problems of expensive clothing, emotional stress, as well as gang and color issues.

Today, teens often require the latest fashions, which are expensive. Jordans, Tommy Hilfiger, Old Navy, Gap, Sean John, FUBU, and P. Miller are some of the labels that teens today are wearing that can be very costly for parents. However, when the school requires children to wear uniforms, there are fewer clothes that parents have to buy and more money to spend on bills or other household necessities. Also, parents along with children do not have to worry about getting their expensive clothing dirty or damaged. School uniforms eliminate the high cost of the latest fashion trends.

Wearing uniforms also eliminates most of the emotional stress from peers. Often kids get teased or picked on when they do not have the latest fashions to wear. Many children get so much pressure that they steal the clothing from malls or other people. Stress is also put on the parents who have low incomes and cannot afford to buy their children the latest clothing fashions to wear, even though their children may deserve them. Children wearing uniforms can eliminate stress for the family.

Another excellent reason for uniforms is because of the gang and color issue. Many children are getting mistaken for rival gang members because of the color they wear. Sometimes they even get assaulted for it. As a result, various schools today now have dress codes, but sometimes that is not enough. Violence in youth is beginning at a very early age. When all the children come to school wearing the school uniforms, it eliminates the offensive logos, the gang-related items, and most obvious, “color.”

Uniforms are a valuable asset and should be used throughout the school system. They save money for parents, reduce stress for everyone concerned, and make for a safer learning environment. I hope I can send my children to a school that requires uniforms.