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| Kids will feel more relieved and comfortable going to school because they know no one will judge what they’re wearing. Makes kids have the support of the community. | Uniforms help kids feel like they fit in with others and they don’t get nervous coming to school. | Uniforms are a financial burden. | 95% of all all parents who have low incomes reported that they were being weighed down by school related costs including uniforms. |
| Provide discipline-order. | Stats show kids less likely to get into trouble. (According to a 1995 survey conducted by members of the LOng Beach, CA). Overall crime rate of students dropped by 91%. | Goes against first amendment--freedom of expression.. | They actually don’t follow “rules” go against first amendment protection. |
| Less bullying of kids--esp if everyone is wearing same thing. They won’t be made fun of especially if they can’t afford expensive clothing. | Less bullying=less fights=better student happiness and self-esteem. | School uniforms--a piece of clothing--don’t take an important part in a child’s success. | School is a place to get an education. What does a piece of clothing have to do with defining success and what a child becomes or grows into? |
| Decrease time in which students get ready for school. | Don’t need to throw a tantrum or waste time choosing what to wear. | If you’re a parent and there is an emergency at school, it would be hard to find your child. | If everyone is wearing the same thing, no one is distinguishable and stands out. Confusing for parents--since everyone has same thing. Nothing unique to make child stand out and locate. |
| Parents save lots of $$$. Cost less than reg clothes. | If wear same thing, don’t need as many new outfits including those expensive threads. Kids don’t worry about being in fashion-in style. No distinguishing bet what’s in or out of fashion. | Destroy individuality--what makes someone unique, special and different. | Clothing defines who you are and reflects your personality. Cuts off creativity and way we want others to view us. Clothing could be a good conversation starter. |
| Keeps kids focused and reduces clothing based distractions. | If someone wears something that’s different or “pops” our stands out, then you’re going to look at it and be distracted by it. (EX: Something sparkly). If you wear something that garners attention, you may not be paying attention to teacher or your work. | Diversity. |  |
| Students may bring accessories to school like necklaces and headbands. | Students fight over them and other issues arise. | Have a dress code but not a uniform code. |  |
| Takes away prejudice and assumptions about people. | If they dress a certain way, we assume they’re a “certain type of person.” | We learn about people who stood up for what they thought was right and if we can’t express ourselves through our clothing--then teaching us about diversity and being your own person, is going against what teachers and schools are teaching us. |  |
| Just because you’re wearing a uniform, doesn’t mean you can’t “make it your own.” | You can express yourself in other ways rather than just what you wear. |  |  |