

## **Chancellor’s Regulations on Uniform Policy**

English: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/42CFDBE5-6C8F-41C1-807C-FB77B971BA29/0/A665.pdf>

Spanish:

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Chinese:

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## **Parent Feedback from Last Year**

<b>Arguments for Uniforms</b>	<b>Arguments Against Uniforms</b>
<p>Help promote a more effective learning climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children don’t compare outward appearance</li> <li>• Less criticism among children</li> <li>• Group is easily identifiable on field trips</li> </ul>	<p>Can cause arguments between school staff and students</p> <p>Uniforms are difficult to enforce in a public school</p> <p>Uniforms take attention away from finding real solutions to problems in school</p> <p>Uniforms make individuals harder to identify on field trips and at recess</p>
<p>Foster school unity and pride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools in the community wear uniforms</li> <li>• It shows that we’re ‘showing up’ as a community</li> <li>• The students look good and the school looks good</li> <li>• More prestige for the school</li> <li>• It’s like wearing a sports uniform</li> </ul>	<p>Families will be divided by the decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a uniform policy is put into place, families have the right to an exemption--there’s no way to make a uniform mandatory in a public school</li> </ul> <p>Uniforms promote conformity over individuality</p>
<p>Improve student performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids can concentrate on school</li> </ul>	<p>Teachers have to spend more time and effort on encouraging kids to wear uniforms and less time on academics.</p> <p>It has not been proven that uniforms improve student performance</p>
<p>Foster self-esteem</p>	<p>Less identity and style</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourages personal self expression on the inside not the outside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children express themselves and what they are interested in</li> <li>Uniforms would stifle freedom and expression</li> </ul> <p>Some children really value dressing themselves</p> <p>Kids compare themselves to how they look in their school uniforms. Uniforms aren't flattering for every body type.</p>
<p>Eliminate label competition</p>	<p>Uniforms don't disguise poverty or wealth</p>
<p>Simplify dressing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would decrease arguments about clothing</li> <li>Don't have to decide what to wear</li> <li>Reduces fighting with parents at home</li> <li>It's easier to wash for laundry</li> <li>Saves time for parents</li> <li>More practical</li> <li>More comfortable</li> </ul>	<p>Complicates dressing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniforms don't let parents and kids make choices about what they buy or wear</li> <li>Takes joy out of buying clothes</li> <li>Uniforms need to be washed daily and ironed</li> <li>There can be increased power struggles</li> <li>Can cause arguments in the morning</li> <li>Some children have sensory issues where they can't wear certain material</li> </ul>
<p>Minimize costs to parents</p>	<p>Uniforms are not always cheaper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secondhand clothing is easier to come by than secondhand uniforms</li> <li>Non-uniform clothes will have to be purchased anyway for weekends and vacation</li> <li>You have to have a lot of uniforms or you have to do a lot of laundry</li> </ul> <p>Uniforms are a waste of money and resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Money could be pooled and used toward other needs at the school</li> </ul>
<p>Teach children appropriate dress and decorum in their "workplace"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eventually some students will use uniforms in middle school and high school</li> </ul>	<p>Removes choice and decision-making practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kids don't have opportunities to practice wearing appropriate dress if they're told what to wear</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delays transition into adolescence and adulthood</li> </ul>
<p>Help to improve student conduct and discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduces bullying and teasing</li> <li>• Students who wear uniforms learn to take care of their clothing</li> <li>• Sets a norm</li> <li>• Teaches discipline</li> <li>• Teaches students to have a sense of respect</li> </ul>	<p>It has not been proven that uniforms teaches discipline or decrease bullying in schools</p> <p>Uniforms are simply a bandaid to the prevention of bullying and teasing</p>

### **Ideas if Uniform policy is implemented**

- Uniforms are worn Monday through Thursday with Friday being a casual day
- There can be choices about which uniforms to wear
- When the child grows, you can donate uniforms to the school

### **Questions**

What would the uniform be?

Would there be different uniforms for different seasons?

Will students get punished for not wearing uniforms?

Can uniforms be mandatory for everyone?

Is bullying and teasing about clothes a problem at our school?