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Works Cited

School uniforms can be a big issue in some school districts. While doing research for the benchmark I have figured out that if a school has uniform, or if they don't; it doesn't change much. If a school does have uniforms the parents don't have to spend as much money on name brand clothing because their children would just be able to wear them on the weekend. On the flip side research has proven that students who can wear their own clothing choice to school may grow up to be more independent. My goal for this project is to see what more people prefer: uniform or no uniform?

Clifford, Stephanie. "A Little Give in the Dress Code." *New York Times* 2 Sept. 2011: B1.

***SIRS Issues Researcher*. Web. 14 Dec. 2011.**

A Little Give in the Dress Code has a lot of statistics in it. One big point this article is trying to get across was that President Bill Clinton tried to have every school in America have uniforms. He thought it was a good idea because then he thought no one will get bullied. When he was president a public school district in California decided to adapt to the idea of school uniforms. Another big point throughout the paper is how much cheaper it is to have uniforms compared to regular clothes. One school district said uniforms are 30% cheaper for the parents then buying regular school clothes.

This paper was boring in my point of view. All it talked about was statistics about school uniforms and if more power full people, like presidents, think we should have them. If this was the only paper I read then I would have hated to do this subject for benchmarks. Luckily I could read more, so I could have more than boring statistics.

Giles, Jana. "Public School Uniforms: Good or Bad?" *Times* 27 Aug. 2011: 7. Print.

This article is 8th grade students say their opinion about school uniforms. It has pros and cons on the subject, and stories of students who do have to wear uniforms. On main point stated many times all throughout all the paper I have read is "it takes less time in the morning to pick out your outfit." One paragraph in this article really popped out to me and that was where it said "students won't be picked on anymore because of their appearance just because of their academic standards." Yes, uniforms might help with harassment, but then students calling others nerds because their smarter than others won't help either.

I think if a school decides to go to uniforms because they think it going to help with bullying and harassment that is wrong. Principals or superintendents probably don't see the problems with-in the schools; they just want to think they have helped a problem. I have heard many stories from school that do have school uniforms but they don't help with bullying at all. Just because clothes have been taken out of the issue, grades, family life, sports, or who you hang-out with is still an issue.

Masanauskas, John. "Short Skirts Out, Manners Are In." *Herald Sun* 23 Apr. 2010: 7.

Print.

Many of the articles didn't make much sense to me, but this one did. In my opinion this article sounded like the school districts are treating students that dress in uniforms more like college students then grade school students. Before each class the teachers have each student line up at the doorway and inspect each student to see if they are breaking any rules.

I think that is ridiculous students, if students want to break rules that badly then let them.

Teachers shouldn't be wasting their own time and teaching time to check if the uniform is intact. If the uniform was breaking the rules too much then anyone would be able to notice the difference.

McConville, Jim. "Parents Battle Over School Uniforms." *Asbury Park Press* 22 Feb. 2011: n. pag. Print.

Parents and school professionals in this article discuss how school uniforms help with many problems during the school day. Apparently 83% of schools on the east coast have school uniforms; and with that the uniforms are very strict. One parent said "Under the policy, students must wear khaki or navy pants, shorts or skirts and golf shirts, crew neck shirts, V-necks, or turtle neck sweaters in blue, orange, pink, gray or white."

Many parents involved in this article think this is too broad and the schools should change the rule to having only the school colors permitted to be worn. I think the school did the right thing; they made the uniform broad so the students will follow it. If the uniform code was any stricter maybe their students would try to twist the rules and get away with it.

"School Uniforms and Dress Codes." *New Moon* May-June 2011: 10. Print.

This wasn't really an article it was more of a chat room about school uniforms. The article had many paragraphs talking back and forth about students and what they thought of uniforms. Many students that who don't have uniforms think school would be dull and boring with uniforms. Kids with uniforms love them because they don't get bullied and harassed about what they wear.

This article helped a little with my research but I wish it would have been more specific. It was more like tiny little interviews that I could have done to my friends. I do agree with the non-uniform students that school would be dull and boring. Kids wouldn't want to wear uniforms at Mason City because they like all the independence.

Shellenbarger, Sue. "For Orderly Toddlers, Uniforms." *Wall Street Journal* 27 Apr. 2011: D1. Print.

Little three year old girls and boys should not have to be wearing uniforms to school, but at a school in Georgia students of all ages are required to. It all started when two 2 year olds started fighting over who looked better and who had the newer clothes. When the teacher to get fed up with all the students' behavior, she asked the staff of the preschool to put a uniform rule into effect. Not long after the public school nearby had their students wearing uniform too.

I think that should not have been the teacher's problem. She should have told her students to stop or if they were in preschool she probably could have put them in a different class. Maybe the nearby school district was looking at uniforms before this problem, but I still think if anyone should of done it first it should have been the older schools.