

The title states the writer's point of view.

School Uniforms Should Not Be Required

Should school uniforms be required? Some parents and educators say that uniforms help students focus on academics instead of fashion. Others believe that kids should have the freedom to choose what they wear to school. After considering both sides of the issue, I strongly believe that uniforms should not be required in school.

• **In the introduction, the writer rewrites the title as a question and summarizes different opinions on the topic, then states his or her point of view.**

The writer provides more details about the opposing point of view.

Some parents and teachers think that letting kids wear what they want is a recipe for trouble. Without uniforms, they say, kids will focus on clothes instead of schoolwork. There will be pressure to buy expensive clothes, which many families cannot afford. For these reasons, some people insist that uniforms are necessary.

The writer adds details that support his or her opinion.

I disagree. There will always be distractions. Kids should be encouraged and trusted to focus on their schoolwork, or they will never learn to be responsible. Uniforms are not free. If families are spending money, they should be able to choose the clothes they buy. Also, uniforms interfere with self-expression. Requiring uniforms sends a message that all kids are the same. If schools want kids to be themselves, they should not force all students to dress alike.

• **The writer explains why he or she disagrees with the opposing point of view.**

For all of these reasons, school uniforms should not be required. If teachers and principals want to have a say about students' clothes, they should consider a school dress code. That way, kids would have an opportunity to choose what to wear while adults would have an opportunity to set limits.

• **In the conclusion, the writer makes a suggestion about what should be done to address the issue.**