

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School uniforms are required for SPS students. Research indicates that school uniforms improve student perceptions of school climate (Wilson, 1999), reduce conduct problems (Elder, 1999), reduce peer sexual harassment and prepare students for the work world (DeMitchell, Fossey, and Cobb, 2000). Additionally, school administrators assert that uniforms reduce discipline referrals while improving attendance, achievement, self-esteem, and school climate (Brown, 1998), and these findings may be due in part to beliefs that uniforms eliminate some of the stigma associated with clothes (White, 2000).