SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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According to DepEd Order No. 45, Series 2008, it is important to remove any and all obstacles, particularly financial, that hinder all school-aged children from enrolling in public schools even if it includes the requirement of school uniforms. Over the past few years or maybe even decades, school uniforms are one of the requirements that needs to be fulfilled to be able to attend school. It is used to distinguish where the student is studying, and also for the uniformity of what the students are wearing.

Here in the Philippines, many Filipinos suffers from poverty and most families cannot provide everything they need. Wearing school uniform is a requirement in schools that every student must achieve but, not all of the students have enough resources to provide for their own. Most parents cannot afford to buy all of the things, that their child needs to be able to send them to school and, these includes school uniforms. School uniforms are not that expensive but with their situation, they couldn’t have the chance to buy it for their child because there are other things that are more important than uniforms. Some can only provide one set for all of their children studying.

However, school uniforms also have its advantages. Wearing school uniform boosts students’ confidence. Having and wearing the same uniform as everyone mean that you don’t have to wear ‘trendy’ clothes just to be in. No student would be bullied because of their clothes and fashion styles, because all students wear the same kind of clothes. Also, parents don’t have to worry in buying a lot of civilian clothes for their children because buying sets of school uniforms are cheaper.
Today, some public schools don’t require students to wear school uniforms just to attend school anymore. It could be a good thing because the families that couldn’t send their child to school because they cannot afford to buy school uniforms will be lessened. Their expenses will decrease because the money that they will be using to buy their child’s uniform can be used to other things like notebooks, books, and other learning materials. For some schools who decided to keep wearing school uniforms as a requirement can be a good thing too. This promotes a safe and secure environment for students and it helps boost students’ confidence.

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