

The Proper Paragraph Format

1. *Brainstorm*

Should uniforms be worn in schools?

- Forces students to follow the dress code (Christian values).
- Eliminates certain forms of bullying.
- Saves students time in the morning.
- Saves families money; recycle and reuse.
- Shows off school pride and spirit; more presentable; expectations and reputation.

2. *Format*

A. Introductory Sentence (1)

- General statement that introduces the topic.

B. Body (6-8)

- State your argument and provide evidence.
- Include transitions.

C. Concluding Sentence (1)

- Conclude with a general statement about the topic.

3. *Determine your thesis and arguments*

Thesis: School uniforms are advantageous for both students and parents.

Argument #1: Parents will save money.

Example #1

Example #2

Argument #2: Help students show school pride.

Example #1

Example #2

4. *Compose*

Although expensive at times, clothing is bought and worn by teenagers as a way of expressing themselves. Many schools force their students to abide by a strict dress code. Even though some are against this practice, school uniforms are advantageous for both students and parents. First of all, parents save money. In Canada, the average cost of outfitting a child for one year is a mere \$125. In addition, a family consisting of several children can purchase clothing at a reduced rate; generally, parents can save up to 60% of the cost by buying used items. Not only do parents benefit, but students also do. Uniforms help students to show pride in their school. Whether it be during pep rallies, sporting events, or spirit days, students have the opportunity to show off their school colours. In conclusion, teenagers who wear uniforms can show off their pride, while saving their parents a little bit of money.