

1-2E: Persuasive "PEEL" Paragraph (25 marks)

Topic: Should students have to wear uniforms?

Uniforms play a significant role in unifying students both inside and outside. Wearing uniforms is a common school rule, but I think students should not have to wear them. First of all, uniforms take away the youth of the young. In China, uniforms play an important part in students' lives. From elementary to high school, no one can escape from wearing uniforms every single day. However, in a recent survey, the data shows that 97% of Chinese students are wearing uniforms under school's pressure. When asked whether they enjoy it, 76% of the subjects directly said no. Students argue that the reason they don't like uniforms is that they are either too old-fashioned in style, too big in size, or too drab in color. These obvious drawbacks on outlook can lose students' vitality and motivation, let alone making a 6-year-old kid look like a grandma. Puberty is one of the best and most beautiful times in life, it should not be caught in a uniform. Secondly, requiring students to wear uniforms at school limits their individuality to a great extent. Everyone should have his/her own personality, and the formation of personality is a gradual process, which includes forming a clothing style. In China however, there are strict rules about what students should wear. Furthermore, most kinds of school uniforms are loose - fitting sportswear that do not distinguish between boys and girls. This undoubtedly occupies the space for students to shape their self-image, making them lose opportunities for self-positioning and self-identity. Under such cruel environment it's too hard for students to form a wholesome personality. Overall, uniforms go against students' wishes and hinder the formation of personal character.