Debate of the Week: Are Uniforms a Good Idea?

For many American kids, the beginning of the school year is a time for getting new school clothes--but some schools require uniforms. Some people say that uniforms help kids focus on learning, instead of on what everyone is wearing. Others think that students should be able to pick clothes that they are comfortable in. What do you think?

Yes

I think school uniforms would be great. My idea of a good one would be blue jeans, and a T-shirt or polo shirt. At my school, some kids are teased about what they wear. Uniforms help kids focus less on clothes and more on schoolwork.--Catherine Carte, West Virginia

No

I don't think kids should be required to wear a school uniform, because students should learn to make their own decisions, by wearing what they want. I also don't think it's a good idea for all kids to look the same in school.--Bryan Frankovitch, Connecticut