

Should school uniform policy allow girls to wear trousers

Recently, I have browsed different websites introducing different school uniform policies and learnt that some schools allow girls to choose to wear trousers instead of skirts. Personally, I agree with the policy of allowing girls to wear trousers. There are a few reasons why.

First of all, trousers grant students freedom of movement and convenience. If you have ever worn a skirt before, you would notice that it might be quite inconvenient. Your skirt can easily get stuck or trapped in places such as the gap of a closing door or hooks on a wall, not to mention how much of a hassle it is when there is strong wind. Allowing girls to wear trousers can save them a lot of trouble and embarrassing moments.

Second of all, allowing the choice will grant students more freedom. Allowing girls to choose between trousers and skirts does not necessarily mean that you cannot wear dresses anymore. The system is just giving students a choice. Enforcing this would not affect those who prefer skirts in the slightest bit, and at the same time, benefit those who like trousers more. It is a win-win situation and does no harm to either side. So why not provide another option so that the students can have their freedom to choose?

Some may say that skirts make girls look more feminine and therefore, they should wear it to look that way. In fact, however, there are girls who do not wish to be feminine or would rather look feminine differently. We should respect their opinions. We should not limit to a certain kind of clothing just to look the way the general public want us to look like. We should have the freedom to wear what we want to. Besides, the statement 'girls should look feminine so they should wear skirts' is gender stereotypical to some extent. You can still look feminine when wearing trousers, can you not? Forcing gender stereotypes will only implement a wrong idea in students' mindsets, leading to limited development on certain fields. We might even lose young talents on those respective fields if the situation continues.

Adding another choice for students can not only grant freedom of movement and an extra option to choose from, but also provide respect to some people's choices and prevent gender stereotyping, not to mention that it would not affect those who prefer skirts at all. Therefore, with so many benefits, why not let girls choose what they would like to wear?