

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS ON THE RISE IN THE US

### WARM-UP

Pupils in the UK have worn school uniforms for decades, not to say centuries, and it is an accepted part of school life at nearly all British secondary schools. But what do you know about the use of school uniforms in the US? Do you think wearing a uniform is as common in the US as it is in the UK?

**Read** the article about school uniforms in the US and find out:

<https://qz.com/quartz/1382336/school-uniforms-are-rapidly-on-the-rise-at-us-public-schools/>

### ACTIVITIES

1. What is the current situation regarding the use of school uniforms in the US? Describe the development from the year 2000 to 2016, using both the statements in the text and the line graph.
2. According to this article, the topic of school uniforms is “contentious”. Check a dictionary to find out what the word means - if you are unsure. Why do you think the issue of uniforms in schools sparks a lot of discussion?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of school uniforms *mentioned in the text*? Make a list of at least five advantages and five disadvantages.
4. What do the American students think about uniforms?
5. If you were a school principal in the US today, would you request your students to wear a uniform – or not? Explain why/why not.
6. Further reading: use the links in the text to find out more about school uniforms.

### CREATIVE CORNER

#### DESIGN YOUR OWN SCHOOL UNIFORM

What does a perfect school uniform look like? Are there any special features or gadgets a future uniform needs – in order to help you survive a day in secondary school? Use your imagination and design the school uniform *you* would love to wear!

Need some inspiration? Have a look at this top ten list to get started 🤖

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t6\\_CaeN2OQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t6_CaeN2OQ)