

SMS School Uniform Report to Board

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Note: This information below does not rely on raw discipline data or survey data. It is a collection of thoughts gathered from staff, students and parents. We are interested in the effect 2 years from now as our 6th graders become 8th graders. We look forward to seeing what this culture shift does to graduation rates, college enrollment, scholarship awards, career-oriented decisions, etc.

- Hallway, Cafeteria and Commons Area disciplines are down.
- Bully/harassment issues due to clothing are practically nonexistent
 - Shoes seem to be the only clothes issue left
- Respect and personal value between students have improved
- Fewer instances of physical aggression
- Overall moral has improved with more identity and affirmation toward school and staff
- Pride has increased
- Community acceptance is wonderful
 - Public perceives an improved educational environment
- Physical appearance of uniformity creates feeling of "oneness" and commitment to one another
- Students **for it** report less bullying
- Students **against it** not angry or passionate
 - They just say, "I wish we could wear what we want."
- Parents have been either supportive or neutral. Rarely a negative comment
- Teachers report a calmer atmosphere that is more conducive to learning