Do you agree or disagree with the statement below?

Students should be required to wear uniforms to school.

State your opinion and use details to support your point of view.

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School Uniforms

Draw a picture to go supplement your persuasive essay.
Recommendations for Lesson:

Before presenting this persuasive writing prompt to students, you may want to have a class discussion to present both sides of the issue.

Arguments in favor of school uniforms might include:
- Uniforms prevent students from being judged by their clothing.
- Uniforms look nice and neat. It's more like “dressing up.”
- A wardrobe full of trendy, name-brand clothes can cost more.

Arguments against school uniforms might include:
- Uniforms restrict a student’s freedom to be creative.
- Uniforms can be expensive for parents.
- Wearing the same thing to school every day might get boring.

If students are not familiar with the concept of school uniforms, you may want to use the Internet to show pictures of students wearing uniforms. Ask individuals in your class to share their thoughts.

- Do the uniforms look nice?
- Would they want to wear a uniform to school? Why or why not?
- Why might some schools require uniforms?

When writing their persuasive essays, students should be encouraged to include a topic sentence (or topic paragraph) stating their opinion, followed by persuasive details to support their point of view. Writers can also acknowledge the opinions of those who might have a different view, followed by an argument to make their case.