

# Why do you think schools should uphold decency?

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Whether you are a student, parent, teacher, or visitor, stepping into a school comes with certain expectations, one of the most important being decency in appearance and conduct. In recent years, many institutions have taken extra measures to uphold these standards, from providing lessons to visitors dressed inappropriately to placing bold reminder posters at their gates. These actions are not merely about enforcing rules, but about protecting the learning environment, promoting respect, and setting a standard for young minds to follow. Students share their thoughts about the matter.



**Mercy Nimusilima, S.2**  
**St. Theresa Girls SS**

Decent dressing shows discipline, which can inspire confidence in its standards making schools a model for others.



**Job Alphee, S.5**  
**Global High School**

Students who get used to dressing appropriately in school often find it easier to adapt to workplace or professional dress codes later in life.



**Berekia Mukendi, S.4**  
**Global High School**

It promotes respect for cultural and moral values, as decent dressing reflects self-respect, honours elders, and upholds community standards that schools help instil for adulthoods.



**Adonal Makera, S.6**  
**Global High School**

By having clear decency standards, schools help protect students from ridicule creating a safer and more welcoming social environment.



**Ardy Jospin Dushime, S.5**  
**Global High School**

It upholds the school's image since impressions are based on what people see.



**Patrick Aloysius Serwadda, S.3**  
**St. Henry's College Kitovu**

Decent dressing avoids fashion distractions, helping students and teachers stay focused on lessons and academics.



**Queen Irazi, S.5**  
**Global High School**

It eliminates unnecessary distractions since inappropriate dressing can attract unwanted attention or negative comments, pulling focus away from academics.



**Eric Bahati, S.5**  
**Global High School**

When everyone dresses within the same acceptable limits, it lessens the temptation to compare fashion brands or styles, making it easier for everyone to feel included.