

# Position Statements

A position statement is like a thesis or goal. It describes one side of an arguable viewpoint.

<b>Topic:</b>	School uniforms
<b>Arguable Viewpoints:</b>	For/against school uniforms For/against a stricter dress code Against any dress code

To write a position statement, gather a list of reasons to support a particular viewpoint.

<b>Viewpoint:</b>	For school uniforms
<b>Supporting Reasons:</b>	Ensure equality Save money Help schools identify visitors

<b>Viewpoint:</b>	Against school uniforms
<b>Supporting Reasons:</b>	Eliminate free expression Cause teachers to waste time Are too expensive to buy and maintain

Next, write a sentence or two that pulls all the information together and makes your stand clear to the audience.

<b>Examples:</b>	A uniform policy will ensure true equality in schools, save families money, and help schools identify visitors easily.
	Uniforms would cause more problems in a school than they would solve. They eliminate free expression, cause teachers to waste time, and are too expensive.