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Mode of Dress Aids Behavior

My aunt the Contessa maintains that "your children will act in school as you dress them." Truer words were never spoken. Think about it. If you permit your son, for example, to attend

If you permit your son, for example, to attend school in a pair of jeans and sloppy T-shirt, dirty shoes and socks, his whole attitude will reflect his dress. His posture will take on a playtime slouch, his sloppy manner will transfer itself to sloppiness in school work. All the average teen ager wants to do, judging from both his appearance and his manner, is to get out and play.

Proper school attire is as important for projecting character as is the costume of an actress to create a mood.

A girl who arrives at school overly made-up, her hair tortured into some hideous style and wearing rhinestone jewels, certainly isn't dressed to have her mind on her studies. What she has it on, obviously, is after-school activities.

Girls who appear daily at school in simple, neat attire, hair under control, always indicate the successful individual who has few emotional problems and loving, caring parents at home.

lems and loving, caring parents at home. Whenever I hear of some mother diring her bad taste in court by dragging her child before the public and claiming that she has the right to wear what she pleases, such as slacks, I think out loud: "What a pity. There go two failures, the mother

and her daughter, who is being taught that school is not a place for studying, merely an inconvenience to fight."

In my day, there were no interfering busybodies. No one would dare go to court and loudly proclaim that their offspring were just too lazy to dress up, or that the mother was even lazier and didn't want to wash, starch and iron their clothes. Mais non!

The boys were required to wear coats and ties at all times during school hours except when engaged in sports.

The girls' clothes were carefully scrutinized to be sure they maintained a modest standard of dress. No tight sweaters or blouses, or hip-twitching skirts were tolerated. THE TORRANCE HERALD

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Students learned to speak more correctly, and were naturally more manners-conscious. The illbreeding and poor manners of today's students are reflected in what they wear.

Revive good old-fashioned school habits. No matter what other students may wear, insist that your children dress in a style befitting a shrine, which is what a place of education is. It is a glorious privilege that many people throughout the world envy. So why not treat it with proper respect?

The school is your child's home away from home. How he looks reflects on how you look. How he studies reflects on your intelligence. Aren't you the nicest, smartest, greatest mother

Aren't you the nicest, smartest, greatest mother in your neighborhood? Of course! Look at your children. They're something of which to be proud.

