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Sample Essay - Classification

Student Dress at Suburban Community College

One has only to flip through magazines or view a few television programs to observe that America is clothes conscious. Fashion designers make millions and millions of dollars annually on the latest styles and fads. People from all walks of life willingly pay for the “right” way to dress, and college students are no exception. At the college I previously attended, Suburban Community College, there are three dominant types of dress.

First, there is the “Prep look.” The guys who dress in this fashion wear Hilfiger shirts, khaki twill slacks, and loafers. When they dress up, they usually choose a navy blazer, gray slacks, a button-down shirt, and a striped or paisley silk tie. The girls who prefer this style wear Lacoste shirts, khaki skirts, and espadrilles. For a dressy look, they may sport a turtleneck dress and classic pumps. Both guys and girls avoid any kind of jewelry except for the tank watch.

Next is the “designer look.” The guys wear Ralph Lauren shirts, jeans with a designer logo, and strands of gold showing at the neck of their shirt. Their choice of shoes leans toward the high-heeled boot. In cooler weather, they sometimes complement their look with black leather coats and boots. The “designer” girls wear silk blouses, Calvin Klein jeans, and spiked, high-heeled shoes or boots. They often carry the easily identified Louis Vuitton or Coach bag. These females wear lots of makeup and the trendiest hairstyle.

Finally, there is the “unkempt look.” Unfortunately, most students dress this way. The guys prefer t-shirts with a variety of things written on the front and back, everything from radio station call letters and beer logos to contemporary sarcastic expressions. Their jeans are faded, raveled, and sometimes threadbare. A pair of dirty sneakers, Adidas, of course, is the preferred footgear. The girls who dress like this are few in number. They tend to wear similar jeans and shirts as their male counterparts and carry some sort of denim or canvas tote.

In conclusion, college students are no exception when it comes to sporting the latest style of clothing. Rather than one basic look, several types of dress are noted on this campus. However, the variety of clothing identifies the student and basically spices up life at the college.