

# Clothes make the person: Some people sure think so

**PREPPY**



**A&F-** Employees were friendly and ready to help us.

**Hollister-** Employees treated us as if we were just another customer.

**Gap-** We received friendly smiles.

**Spencers-** We got a few dirty looks, but otherwise we were ignored.

\* The overall experience was good; we blended in. The only negative attention was because we "fit in" with the crowd.

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Clothing is not only a way for someone to express themselves, but has become a way for people to set themselves apart from the rest. According to ACHS students their are consequences for this freedom.

Amanda Otten, an ACHS junior said, "My friend and I were in Hot Topic and we split up so we could go look at different things. I was in darker clothing, while she was in jeans and a preppy shirt. [The employees] came running over to me trying to get me to try on some clothes. But no one said anything to my friend and left her alone."

This is the case in many stores nowadays. When a customer walks into a store wearing something that is different than what is being sold there, the employee will almost always either

ignore the customer because they don't meet the store's standard or they're hounded in fear of theft.

Kevin Greenlee, a high school graduate, said, "I was in American Eagle and some "punked" out kids walked in. When they went to go ask someone for help, the employee said, 'We don't really have time for you,' and went to go help someone else."

Some people disrespect others solely based on their looks without even getting to know the real person underneath all the fabric.

"Some people make shallow just because of what they're wearing," said Eva Rzeszutl, a freshman at Palatine High School.

You can't judge a book by its cover, but apparently you can judge a person by their style. We decided to take matters into our own hands and headed to the mall to see how treatment in stores differed by our appearance.

**PUNK**



**A&F-** Received dirty looks from everyone

**Hollister-** We were called lesbians and received weird looks and avoided by other customers.

**Gap-** We asked to see a purse and the employee said "Are you sure?" we were treated like we didn't belong.

**Bath & Body Works-** We were gently ushered out of store.

\* Overall, we encountered bad attitudes, dirty looks, and poor treatment. It was a shock when people made discrete comments.

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