

Persuasive Essay

REVISING AND EDITING 1

The following model is an excerpt from a draft that one student wrote to promote the idea that public schools should install security cameras.

Directions: Use the following suggestions to revise and edit the excerpt. Mark your changes on this page. Then copy your corrected draft on a separate sheet of paper.

- Vary sentence types and lengths.
- Avoid sentence fragments.
- Use rhetorical devices such as repetition and parallelism.

Security Cameras in Schools

Dangers are faced by students and teachers at school, from violence to drugs to vandalism. There's no question that students and teachers should feel safe at school and that whenever safety is in doubt, the quality of education is jeopardized. Some schools have turned to security cameras for this problem. While some students feel the cameras violate their right to privacy, I maintain that the cameras protect an even more important right. The right to learn and work in a safe environment.

Most school districts agree that installing video surveillance equipment helps students focus on their studies. By removing the necessity of worrying about outside violence. The cameras can monitor everyone who enters and exits the school, providing school officials with valuable information. Strategically placed in hallways, stairwells, and parking lots, the cameras help deter crime and vandalism.

The cost of a video surveillance system may be high, but in the end, I believe the system will pay for itself.