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Band Aid Sexism

Imagine you got a bad sunburn over the weekend and you got taken out of class on Monday because you didn't wear a t-shirt under your shirt. Could that happen?

Yes, yes it could if you are a girl not wearing a bra in Florida.

Lizzy Martinez came to Braden River High School for a regular school day and was removed from her class, told she was distracting other students and the school required her to place Band Aids over her nipples for the rest of the day.

Instead of shaming and harassing this girl, the Florida National Organization for Women insists the school has an obligation to teach students to respect people, whatever clothes they wear. Placing Band Aids over nipples is not a message the schools should be sending.

"I hope with all the media attention this has brought, as well as the outrage from so many organizations all over the nation, this high school has the sense to end this sexist policy" says Florida NOW President, Terry Sanders. "We have such respect for Ms. Martinez for her bravery in coming forward with her story as well as her fellow students who are supporting her. High School students are under a lot of pressure these days and they don't need arbitrary discrimination on how they dress to distract them from the important job of learning."