

FACTS FOR PARENTS ABOUT SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- In many public school districts where uniform dress codes have been established, school officials have found that school uniforms enhanced school safety and improved the learning environments;
- Bridged socioeconomic differences between children;
- Promoted good behavior; improve children's self-respect and self-esteem;
- Produced cost savings for participating families;
- The decision to implement a uniform code is about equity and high standards of academic achievement; and
- In order for our students to reach the high standards we have set for them, we must create environments where they receive challenging instruction, and are held accountable for their dress, behavior, and personal success;

THE FOLLOWING CLOTHING GUIDELINES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: (Dress Code will be strictly enforced)

Shirts: Navy Blue or Light Blue (No other colors are acceptable)

- Long or short sleeved, collared polo style shirts or Turtle Neck shirts are acceptable
- Shirts must have 2-3 buttons and be conservative and modest in appearance
- Shirt sizing: Must cover chest and midriff (when hands are raised)
- Cannot hang above fingertips when arms are at sides
- Shirt cannot be cinched, tied or clipped in the back
- No patterns, designs or artwork are allowed
- Sleeveless shirts or T-shirts are NOT permitted;
- Undershirts must be a solid color, either white, navy or light blue

Pants: Students will wear navy blue or khaki pants, skirts or jumpers;

- Pants must be Dockers-style with belt loops
- Denim jeans or (look-a-like), sweat pants and pants with patterns or designs are NOT permitted;
- Skirts, scooters and jumpers may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee while seated;
- A solid color belt must be worn if pants have belt loops;
- Clothing must be worn at the natural waist at all times;
- No oversized, baggy, saggy, wide-leg, low-riders, below the waist, hip huggers, tight fitting, cargo pants/shorts/skirts or nylon athletic shorts

Leggings, Jeggings/Tights

- Must be solid in color, either white or navy blue
- No patterns, artwork, or designs permitted
- Must cover entire legs down to the ankle
- Leggings, Jeggings/Tights cannot be worn as a substitute for pants
- Leggings, Jeggings/Tights may only be worn under length appropriate skirts

Footwear:

- Footwear must be closed toe and heel with a hard sole. Footwear must cover the entire foot.

- Footwear with embedded wheels is NOT PERMITTED
- Heels may not be higher than 1"
- The following footwear is **NOT PERMITTED: CLOGS, FLIP FLOPS, CROCS, SANDALS, MOCCASINS, SLIPPERS, BOOTS OR FOOTWEAR WITH HEELS OVER 1"**

Sweaters:

- Cardigans, pullover sweaters or non-hooded sweatshirts, are permitted but must be navy or light blue.
- Hoodies/sweatshirts with a hood are not permitted
- No hoods or oversized collars ex. – fur
- No patterns, designs, logos or artwork, other than a school insignia,
- Collared school uniform shirt must be worn under these garments

Accessories: Belts

- Belts must be plain in design (Solid black, Solid Navy Blue or Solid brown)
- Belts must be worn through the pant loops, no exceptions
- No initial or oversized buckles
- Belts may not be too long so that the end of the belt hangs down
- Belts may not have studs or metal trappings

Jewelry

- No jewelry that will distract or disrupt the educational environment will be allowed
- Facial Piercing - Unacceptable (nose, tongue, eyebrows, etc.)

Purses

- Must be 8 ½" x 5 ½" or smaller (a regular piece of paper, folded in half)

Hair

- Hats, caps, hoods, and bandanas are NOT PERMITTED

Students will be permitted to participate in religious expression to the limit currently permitted.

Administrative Prerogative: The Administration reserves the right to address uniform issues that present themselves as a distraction to the students or the educational process. A parent who objects, on behalf of their student, to the school uniform because of his or her religion, religious belief or because of a medical condition must obtain a copy of the policy dress code, submit a request for exemption in writing. The principal will review the written request for exemption and will accept or deny the request. During the course of the school year the administration reserves the right to amend said dress code and will notify all constituents of amendments in writing.

