

Please review the District Uniform Policy and District Dress Code Policy listed below.

The District Uniform Policy, if complied with, is a requirement that must be followed throughout the course of the school year.

If for any reason you do not wish to comply with the District Uniform Policy, then you must adhere with the District Dress Code Policy.

District Uniform Policy

Philosophy

Nationally, with the start of the 21st century, employers have joined with school administrators in order to develop students who are prepared for the workforce upon leaving school.

Education, the foremost role of a school enables students to achieve success in their future endeavors. Attire plays an important role in the workforce and learning how to properly dress is an area that schools must address as part of a student's educational process.

Purpose

The primary responsibility for determining appropriate dress and grooming lies with parents. Even though school attire is not intended to stifle a student's personal taste, as part of the educational process, it is necessary to establish guidelines as to what is permitted within the school environment. The safety and health of individuals is of the utmost importance.

In addition, it is essential to encourage choices that are conducive to establishing a climate of teaching and learning. Therefore, items that become a distraction to the educational process will be prohibited. The following standards will assist the students and parents in determining acceptable attire for a school setting.

The Dress Code

A "Dress Code Committee" consisting of students, teachers, administrators, and Board Members, has decided on uniform attire:

Shirt, students must wear a navy polo uniform shirt with a collar either long sleeves or short sleeves. The shirt should have no brand-affiliated logo (a logo is often associated with a particular socioeconomic status). In addition, no stripes, or designs can be anywhere on the shirt. As part of the uniform, students may purchase shirts through the designated uniform vendor. Shirts purchased from the vendor can be purchased with the Garfield Elementary Schools Monogram. Shirts must be long enough to ensure that the

midriff is not exposed, but not so long that the entire pocket is covered, and buttoned sufficiently to prevent unacceptable exposure.

Pants, students must wear khaki or black pants. A khaki, black skirt or skort may be worn by our female students that are two (2') inches above the knee. All students may wear khaki, black shorts, and capris between May 1st and October 1st. No jeans of any color, sweat pants, spandex or stretch pants are permitted. Low cut pants that lead to exposure of undergarments or an exposed midriff are not permitted. Uniform shirts with black, navy, or gray sweat pants will be permitted on days where the student has physical education.

Cold or Inclement Weather Clothing

Coats, heavy jackets, and hats must be placed in the designated coat room in the classroom prior to the start of the first period class. These articles may be worn during recess on cold days. In the event of cold or inclement weather the following clothing items may be worn in class: **1)** school-issued warm-up jackets that do not have a hood, no sweat shirts, with or without a hood; **2)** a solid navy “light” jacket without a hood or logo; **3)** long sleeve solid colored shirts can be worn under the uniform shirt; **4)** solid navy sweaters over the school uniform, no hoods or logos. A solid navy colored polar fleece, without a hood over the school uniform is permitted. No logos, stripes or designs are permitted on the fleece unless issued by the uniform vendors. Additionally, decisions on attire/accessories are prohibited as follows:

Safety

- Loose and improperly fitted clothing that may get caught on objects or cause tripping.
- Hooded sweat shirts will not be permitted during the school day. If worn as a jacket to school, they must be placed in the coat room prior to the start of first period.
- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn indoors due to limited vision.
- Footwear that is loose, has untied laces or straps, or does not provide a firm walking surface and good balance. Flip-flops, slides, bedroom slippers, and beach shoes are not permitted. Sandals with a back strap will be permitted May 1st to October 1st.

Educational Distractions

Fashion designed to exaggerate, emphasize, reveal, or call attention to anatomical details. Messages via words or pictures on items that are lewd, obscene, drug oriented, profane, or infer violence/weapons. Any clothing, apparel or accessory which indicates membership in an unauthorized group, gang, or secret sorority/fraternity is not permitted.

Miscellaneous Information

Special situations need to be addressed on an individual basis. Health and safety factors arise in special situations, i.e., lab classes, field trips, physical education, etc. that require temporary modifications. For these situations, a determination of proper attire for the activity will be determined by the building administrator.

As students enter the building their attire will be scrutinized by administration/staff. If a student is not wearing the proper attire, a parent or guardian will be contacted to bring the proper uniform according to the policy to school.

Exceptions to the uniform dress code will be made to accommodate religious reasons. Cases of hardship will be reviewed on an individual basis.

***IN ALL INSTANCES BUILDING ADMINISTRATION
SHALL HAVE THE FINAL WORD ON WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE UNDER THE
SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE.***