

Fairfield Township Board of Education District Policy Manual

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Student Dress Code

Policy 5132

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The Board of Education believes that neatly attired students take pride in themselves; therefore, they are more likely to practice habits of self-discipline and display a positive attitude and demeanor in the school setting. Therefore, school uniforms shall be worn since they have been requested by the principal, staff and parents. The school principal shall ensure that assistance is provided to economically disadvantaged students. The assistance may include, but not be limited to, providing information about how and where to obtain the uniform considering the parent's budget limitations. The specific uniform has been determined by the principal, staff and parents of the individual school as appears below. Any changes to the required uniform must be approved by the Board of Education not less than three months before implementation.

This policy shall not preclude students who participate in a nationally recognized youth organization, which is approved by the Board of Education, from wearing uniforms to school on days that the organization has scheduled a meeting. The principal may authorize exceptions to the uniform requirements on an individual event basis such as Individual Picture Day, Spirit Day or Character Ed activities.

In addition, the following general dress code regulations apply:

1. All students are expected to wear the entire uniform at all times whenever they are on school property or are attending a school activity unless permission is expressly granted for a game or dance, etc.
2. Transfer students will be allowed two days' grace time to acquire the uniform.
3. Total uniform must be visible at all times. No hats (or headgear of any type) may be worn indoors unless during character education or designated student activities such as but not limited to Dr. Seuss or Drug **awareness week activities**
4. No coats, jackets, or other outerwear, may be worn indoors.
5. No decorations, logos or writing allowed on the outside of the uniform. Polo style shirts, long/short sleeve tee-shirts, and crew/zip hooded sweat shirts with the school logo may also be worn.
6. No large jewelry; if worn, necklaces must be worn under the tops.

The following are examples of unacceptable attire for students during school hours:

1. Torn and/or dirty clothing
2. Tight/form-fitting clothing
3. Dark eye glasses (except for medical reasons)
4. Combs and picks worn in the hair
5. Any accessory that may be used as a potential weapon.

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6. Any gang-related accessory.
7. Students that are in 7th and 8th grade must wear their ID badge on a daily basis. If a student loses their ID badge, a \$3.00 replacement fee will be charged.

The approved uniform shall consist of:

Shirts & Tops

- Permitted colors for shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and sweaters are royal blue, light blue, navy blue, yellow, black, gray and white. No other colors are permitted;
- Long or short sleeve polo style shirt with a collar (Must not be tight, form-fitting or oversized, no tee-shirts with the exception of school logo and/or name.)
 - Tops must be worn tucked into bottoms or tucked in and bloused;
- A royal blue, black or navy- blue cardigan (without hoods) may be worn in addition to a polo shirt with the exception of school logo and/or name;
- Turtlenecks, if worn, must be worn under the polo shirt and be royal blue or navy blue;
- Undershirts may be short-sleeved or long-sleeved and may be solid white, solid royal blue, solid black or solid navy blue only. No other color undershirt is permitted.
- No tops containing logos, writing or other illustrations may be worn, with the exception of the Fairfield Township School logos and/or name, which include long/short sleeve tee-shirts and crew/zip hooded sweat shirt.

Bottoms

- Permitted Colors - Khaki, Navy Blue & Black
- Slacks;
- Skirts, jumper dresses, shorts and skorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee;
- Capri pants;
- Yoga attire is not permitted.

Bottom Guidelines

- All bottoms must be proper fit (not tight, not baggy and worn at the waistline.);
- Tights must be neutral (skin-toned), royal blue, navy blue, black or white.

Footwear

- Shoes, sneakers and athletic shoes of any color are permitted;
- Boots, with no ornamentation other than a company name are permitted in any solid color;
- Shoe laces or Velcro closure straps must be same color as the shoes;

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- All footwear must cover the entire foot;
- Open toe shoes and flip-flops are not permitted;
- No heels;
- No bedroom slippers;
- Footwear must be tied or Velcro closure strapped at all times;
- Shoes with wheels and/or lights are not permitted.

Socks

- Tights / stockings are acceptable;
- Leggings, below or at the knee may be worn under shorts, skorts or jumpers and must not contain sparkles, names, faces;
- Leggings must be ankle or knee high.

Belts

- Must have a small buckle (3" or less) and no ornamentation;
- Must be worn with pants that have belt loops. Note: Pants without belt loops will not require a belt.
- Belts are optional for Pre-K, through 2nd grade students. Students are required to wear belts beginning in the 3rd grade.

Jewelry & Body Ornamentation

- Earrings may be worn provided they are no larger than a quarter;
- Visible body piercings and/or tattoos are not permitted.

Headbands

- Headbands of up to 2 inches in width may be worn, but must be white, black, navy blue or royal blue.

Book Bags/ Backpacks

- Any book bag or backpack, with the exception of messenger bags, shall be permitted.
- Students are not to carry book bag during the course of the day. They are to be placed in cubbies or in lockers upon entering school, and students are given the opportunity to use lockers at designated times.

Students who choose not to comply with these guidelines shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the current district discipline policy.

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Legal References

- NJSA 18A:11-1 General Mandatory Powers and Duties
- 18A:11-7 Findings relative to school dress codes
- 18A:11-8 Adoption of dress code policy for school permitted
- 18A:11-9 Prohibition of gang-related apparel
- 18A:37-1 Submission of pupils to authority

Possible Cross References

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