

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION:

The school's student uniform program will be subject to the following requirements:

Uniform Selection

1. Student uniform selection will be made by the Site Council, the principal and others deemed appropriate by the principal.
2. All student uniform selection decisions shall give due consideration to:
 - a. Styles and colors;
 - b. Requirements for sweaters, jackets/outer garments;
 - c. Optional articles of attire, if any;
 - d. Uniform availability; and
 - e. The potential cost to parents.

Communications

1. The principal will be responsible for communicating student uniform information through such means as newsletters, local media, registration materials and/or student-parent handbooks.
2. Information will include:
 - a. Expectations, rationale and benefits of the school uniform program;
 - b. School uniform requirements;
 - c. Vendors of uniform articles and prices, where possible;
 - d. The availability of financial assistance for families in need and procedures for applying for assistance;
 - e. Availability of recycled/used uniforms;
 - f. Transfer request procedures;
 - g. Casual or other special dress day exceptions to school uniform requirements.

Transfer Request

A parent may request a transfer of his/her student to a school without a school uniform program as follows:

1. Submit transfer request in writing on the appropriate form to the school office, stating nature of objection; and

2. Meet with principal or designee to discuss the school uniform program and the nature of the objection to the program.

Financial Considerations

1. Families in need of financial assistance for the purchase of school uniforms will be encouraged to contact the school.
2. The principal or designee will determine the form and type of assistance appropriate. Eligibility for free and reduced price meals or other circumstances as deemed appropriate will be considered.
3. The principal will work with the staff, school and community organizations and businesses to identify resources for assisting families in need.
4. A list will be compiled of those willing to assist and made available to families in need.

Disciplinary Action

1. If necessary, disciplinary action may be taken to encourage compliance with the school uniform program. Since the intent of the program is not to inhibit or prohibit any student who is not in uniform from receiving the education to which he/she is entitled, no student shall be suspended or expelled as a result of a violation of the Board's school uniform policy and/or regulation.
2. Prior to initiating any disciplinary action against a student not complying with the school uniform program, a conference with the student and his/her parent(s) will be held to solicit cooperation and support.
3. Disciplinary action is to be initiated only after all other means to secure support and cooperation have been used.
4. No student shall be considered noncompliant with the school's uniform program when the student wears a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization such as the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts on a regular meeting day.

Annual Evaluation

An evaluation of the school uniform program will be conducted each school year. The principal will review the evaluation with the Superintendent.

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