



CHARTER SCHOOL: STUDENT DRESS CODE – K-5th GRADE

Policy:

All students in kindergarten through grade 5 are required to wear a school uniform at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity **during** the school day. Students are expected to dress for school and school activities in a way that contributes to their health and safety, promotes a positive school learning environment and does not disrupt the events and activities of the school.

Procedure:

A. Basic Uniforms

Girls: The basic uniform for girls is a long or short-sleeved collared solid colored (navy, light blue or hunter green) blouse or polo shirt with khaki or navy blue skirt, pants, walking shorts, jumpers, or skorts. Dresses may be worn with short or long sleeves.

Shorts/skirts/jumpers/skorts/dresses shall be worn no shorter than "mid-thigh." Mid-thigh is determined by extending the arms to the sides of the body and finding the tip of the longest finger (using normal posture).

Boys: The basic uniform for boys is a long or short-sleeved, solid colored (navy, light blue or hunter green) collared shirt, such as a polo, sport shirt, or dress shirt, with pants or walking shorts.

Clothing must be the appropriate size for the student, not be oversized or undersized. The waist of the garment shall be worn so that the waistband is worn at the waist and not below the waist. Students may not wear baggy/saggy pants.

Shirts/blouses/dresses must cover midriff, back, and sides at all times; should be fastened with no visible cleavage or undergarments.

The preferred shirt is a UCP Charter School logo shirt but a plain polo or other colored shirt is acceptable.

On occasion, the school administrator can designate certain days as "No Uniform" or "School Spirit Day" and allow a school sponsored t-shirt with a crew neck.

B. Each school will provide students/parents with a copy of the school's dress code.

C. Exceptions:

If a student enters the UCP Charter School consortium after the start of the school year, there will be a grace period of ten (10) school days before being required to wear the school uniform.

The school administrator, may waive the school uniform policy on a case-by-case basis for either disability, medical condition or sincerely held religious belief. In the case of the waiver – the student still must wear the appropriate colors.

D. Shoes must be safe and appropriate.

E. Outer Garments

Students may wear coats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, or other appropriate outer garments when necessary due to weather conditions or for other legitimate reasons. The outer garments must be of the appropriate size for the student and shall not be overly baggy or violate any other provisions of the dress code.

F. Students may not wear:

- Clothing that is not properly fastened;
- Clothing or hairstyles that disrupt the orderly learning environment;
- Clothing that is torn, has holes, or pants that are frayed;
- Clothing that exposes body parts in an indecent and vulgar manner;
- Clothing that is unlined sheer or unlined lace;
- Clothing that is form fitting, leotard or spandex, unless proper outer garments are worn over top of it;
- Visible undergarments, sleepwear or outer garments traditionally designed as undergarments such as boxer shorts or bras;
- Outer garments or accessories (such as backpacks, jewelry, and purses) which have slogans, signs, images, or symbols that:
 - Promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang identification, weapons, or lewd sexual behavior or
 - Denigrate or promote discrimination for or against an individual or group on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, race, religion or gender.
 - A manufacturer's logo/image is acceptable.
- Jewelry or accessories that may be used as weapons, such as chains, spiked jewelry or arm bands;

G. Financial Considerations/Assistance

Students will not be denied attendance at school or be otherwise penalized for failing to wear clothing that complies with the school uniform if such failure is due to financial hardship.

Parents/guardians should notify the school administrator if assistance is needed.

The Education Leadership team shall develop procedures to offer assistance to students who would have or are having difficulty complying with the school uniform policy due to financial hardships and shall develop a program to provide for uniform donations or uniform clothing.

H. Discipline

The school administrator or designee has the authority to decide if clothing complies with Board policy.

If the school administrator determines that a student's clothing does not comply with Board policy, a parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school