



Springfield Public Schools

STUDENT DRESS CODE AND UNIFORMS

Research shows that school uniforms support a safe and disciplined learning environment, which is the first requirement of any good school. Students who are safe and secure and learn the basic American values and the essentials of good citizenship are better students. As of September 2008, there is a mandatory school uniform policy in the Springfield Public Schools. All details of the district's mandatory policy—including specific enforcement policies and consequences for non-compliance—are available at the central office, the PIC, and each school office. The full policy is available in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Somali, Russian, and Vietnamese. Please note that the articles of clothing that make up the mandatory Springfield Public School uniform can be purchased in any department or discount store. No store has, or can have, a monopoly on selling school uniforms.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY - Mandatory (Revised June 4, 2009)

PRE-SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY

PANTS – Navy or Tan must be worn with a belt at the waist and belts must be through the loops. Pants can be cotton, cotton blend or corduroy. Absolutely NO cargo pants, jeans, sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SKIRTS, JUMPERS OR SKORTS – Navy or Tan; can be cotton, cotton blend or corduroy; must be knee level or longer. Blouse or polo must be worn under the jumper. Absolutely NO hip huggers, cargo pants, baggies, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SHORTS – Navy or Tan knee length. Shorts must be worn with a belt at the waist and belts must be through the loops. Shorts can be cotton, cotton blend or corduroy. Absolutely NO cargo pants, jeans, sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SHIRTS – Light Blue, Navy or White plain collared, polo shirt, dress shirt, long or short sleeve. Shirts must be tucked into pants. Absolutely NO logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SWEATSHIRT OR SWEATERS CAN BE PULLOVER OR ZIPPERED – Navy. NO logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SHOES OR SNEAKERS – Shoes/Sneakers must fit securely on the foot. Shoes with open toes or backless shoes (including flip flops, sandals, mules and slides) will not be allowed. Shoes may be laced or buckled. NO Heelies or rollers.

NO OVERSIZED CLOTHING WILL BE ALLOWED

No colored wrist bands, neck beads, head bands, or doo rags are allowed. The principal has a right to stop any pattern, for example groups wearing identical earrings, chains, beads, bracelets, etc. or anything that may be mistaken for gang affiliation.

NO COATS, JACKETS, HOODED SWEATSHIRTS, CAPS OR HATS ARE TO BE WORN DURING SCHOOL.

ENFORCEMENT

The school will strive to achieve full compliance through the use of positive reinforcement measures, and will resort to disciplinary action only when positive measures and supports fail to assure compliance. No student will be considered non-compliant with the uniform policy in the following instances:

- When the student wears the dress of a nationally recognized youth organization or activity, such as boys/girls scouts, on regular meeting days.
- When the student's parent or guardian has secured an exemption from the school policy for religious or health considerations. A student may wear religious attire.
- When a student is on school grounds outside of normal school hours, appropriate attire is required.
- When a field trip or school event may require specialized clothing, appropriate attire is required.

NOT IN COMPLIANCE

FIRST OCCURRENCE – A call will be made to the parent/guardian to bring in clothes. A letter will be sent home reinforcing the uniform policy.

SECOND OCCURRENCE – Call home to have parents bring in clothes and remind them that student must adhere to the school uniform policy.

THIRD OCCURRENCE – Parent is notified and student will receive detention.

RATIONALE:

School uniform policies can promote school safety, improve discipline, and enhance the learning environment. The potential benefits of school uniforms include:

- Decreasing violence and theft – even life-threatening situations – among students over designer clothing or expensive sneakers
- Helping prevent gang members from wearing gang colors and insignia at school
- Instilling students with discipline
- Helping parents and students resist peer pressure
- Helping students concentrate on their school work; and
- Helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school

MIDDLE SCHOOL

PANTS – Black or Tan - Pants must be worn with belts at the waist and belts must be through the loops. NO studded belts or large belt buckles. Pants can be cotton, cotton blend or corduroy. Absolutely NO cargo pants, jeans, sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SKIRTS, JUMPERS OR SKORTS – Black or Tan; can be cotton, cotton blend or corduroy; must be knee level or longer. Blouse or polo must be worn under the jumper. Absolutely NO hip huggers, cargo pants, baggies, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SHORTS – Black or Tan knee length. Shorts must be worn with a belt at the waist and must be through the loops. NO studded belts or large belt buckles. Shorts can be cotton, cotton blend or corduroy.

Absolutely NO cargo pants, jeans, sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SHIRTS – Black, Blue or White plain collared, polo shirt, dress shirt, long or short sleeve. Shirts must be tucked into the pants. Absolutely NO logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

SWEATSHIRT OR SWEATERS CAN BE PULLOVER OR ZIPPERED – Navy or White. NO logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

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- When the student's parent or guardian has secured an exemption from the school policy for religious or health considerations. A student may wear religious attire
- When a student is on school grounds outside of normal school hours, appropriate attire is required
- When a field trip or school event may require specialized clothing, appropriate attire is required.
- Gym attire must reflect the basic colors in the dress policy. Allowances will be made for gray sweat pants and sweatshirts (for gym only).

NOT IN COMPLIANCE

FIRST OCCURRENCE – The school will contact the parent/guardian to restate our policy and the student will change into appropriate clothing.

SECOND OCCURRENCE – Parent or Guardian will bring in appropriate clothing in order for the student to attend class. Student will receive detention (lunch, before/after school).

THIRD OCCURRENCE – Parent or Guardian will bring in appropriate clothing to school. Student will be given in-house suspension

FOURTH OCCURRENCE – This is considered defiance and Code of Conduct will be applied

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- Helping students concentrate on their school work; and
- Helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school

HIGH SCHOOL

Central High School – Pants, skirts or shorts will be tan or black . Shirts will be black polo or buttoned dress shirt, long or short sleeve. Skirts and shorts must be knee length. Pants and shirts must fit appropriately. Shirts must be tucked into the pants and pants must be worn with a belt at the waist. **NO**

studded belts or large belt buckles. Absolutely NO baggies, cargo pants, jeans or sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

Putnam - Pants, skirts or shorts will be navy or black. Shirts will be gold or blue (light hue) polo, buttoned dress shirt, long or short sleeve. Pants and shirts must fit appropriately. Shirts must be tucked into the pants and pants must be worn with a belt at the waist. NO studded belts or large belt buckles. Absolutely NO baggies, cargo pants, jeans or sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

High School of Science & Technology – Tan or black pants, skirts or shorts. Shirts will be navy polo, buttoned dress shirts, long or short sleeve. Skirts and shorts must be knee length. Pants and shirts must fit appropriately. Shirts must be tucked into the pants and pants must be worn with a belt at the waist. NO studded belts or large belt buckles. Absolutely NO baggies, cargo pants, jeans or sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

High School of Commerce – Pants, skirts or shorts will be tan or black. Skirts and shorts must be knee length. Shirts will be red polo, buttoned dress shirt, long or short sleeve. Pants and shirts must fit appropriately. Shirts must be tucked into the pants and pants must be worn with a belt at the waist. NO studded belts or large belt buckles. Absolutely NO baggies, cargo pants, jeans or sweat suit pants, pajamas, logos, insignias, pictures or messages.

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- When the student wears the dress of a nationally recognized youth organization or activity, such as JROTC, on regular meeting days.
- When the student's parent or guardian has secured an exemption from the school policy for religious or health considerations. A student may wear religious attire.
- When a student is on school grounds outside of normal school hours, the basic dress policy will be in effect.
- When a field trip or school event may require specialized clothing, appropriate attire is required.

NOT IN COMPLIANCE

FIRST OCCURRENCE – Parent/Guardian will bring appropriate clothing to school and student will receive detention/demerit.

SECOND OCCURRENCE – Parent or Guardian will bring in appropriate clothing to school and student will receive 3 hours of detention/demerit.

THIRD OCCURRENCE – Parent or Guardian will bring in appropriate clothing to school and student will receive 1 day in-house.

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