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INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE

While it is inevitable that there will be differences of opinions to the appropriateness of dress and grooming, the final determination as to whether a student's attire is disruptive or distracting to the educational environment of the school, presents a safety risk, or violates any rule, regulation or policy contained within the Parent/Student handbook will be made by the building principal in consultation with the superintendent. Any student who does not comply with the dress code will be removed from the regular school setting until the student complies with this code. It must be noted that each student and his/her parent maintains the responsibility for appropriate student dress and personal appearance.

Students are required to wear school uniforms in order to maintain student safety and to promote a positive learning environment. Building administrators may be authorized to designate days on which this uniform policy is relaxed. Working with your home school district, SPEED Independence School will assist students from families with financial hardships.

A parent/guardian will be informed if a student is repeatedly in violation of the code. If a problem persists, a parent/school meeting will be scheduled. Students are expected to wear clothing that is neat and clean. The responsibility for appropriate grooming and hygiene rests with students, parents, or guardians.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR BOYS

- Navy or khaki dress slacks or shorts (bottom of shorts must reach top of knee).
- Belts required with slacks, or shorts with belt loops.
- White, burgundy, or blue shirt with collar.
- Black or brown dress shoes, or plain white or black gym shoes, (white, navy, black or brown socks). Shoes must cover and protect the toes.
- Navy or white sweaters, vests, or sweatshirts can be worn over the shirt.

NOT PERMITTED

- Hoodies or any clothing with a hood cannot be worn as uniform attire.
- Blue jeans, slacks or shorts made of denim.
- Baggy pants, rolled-up pant legs, or pants worn below the waist.
- Shirts that are not tucked in.
- Shoelaces that do not match the color of the shoes.
- Insignias, emblems, writing or pictures on any item of clothing or shoes.
- Accessories that increase a child's risk for accidents or injury such as large chains, excessively large belt buckles, studded accessories.
- Body piercing in eyebrows, nose, lips, tongue, etc.
- Hats or head coverings in the building.
- Flip-flops and sandals are not allowed.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR GIRLS

- Navy or khaki skirt, jumper or shorts, slacks or capris (bottom of skirt, etc., must reach top of the knee).
- Belts are required with skirts, shorts, slacks or capris with belt loops.
- White, burgundy, or blue blouse with a collar, or turtleneck shirt.
- Black, brown or navy dress shoes or plain white or black gym shoes. (white, navy, black or brown socks, tights, or nylons). Shoes must cover and protect the toes.
- Navy or white sweaters, vests or sweatshirts can be worn over the blouse or shirt.

Not Permitted

- Hoodies or any clothing with a hood cannot be worn as uniform attire.
- Blue jeans, skirts, jumpers or shorts made from denim or spandex.
- Sheer or low-cut blouses or shirts; blouses or shirts that do not cover the midriff.
- Blouses or shirts that are not tucked in.
- Insignias, emblems, writing or pictures on any item of clothing or shoes.
- Accessories that increase a child's risk for accidents or injury such as dangling earrings, large chains, excessively large belt buckles, studded accessories.
- Body piercing in eyebrows, nose, lips, tongue, etc.
- Hats or head coverings in the building.
- Flip-flops and sandals are not allowed.

EXEMPTION TO THE DRESS CODE

Religious beliefs, when verified, may be grounds for an exemption to a specific portion of the Uniform Dress Code. A petition for an exemption may be submitted to the superintendent's office.