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A safe and disciplined learning environment is the first requirement of a good school. Young people who are safe and secure who learn basic American values and the essentials of good citizenship, are better students. In response to the growing levels of violence in schools, the alternative school staff recognizes school uniforms as one positive and creative way to reduce discipline problems and increase school safety.

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

- Decrease in violence and theft among students over designer clothing
- Help prevent gang members from wearing gang colors and insignia at school
- Instilling students with discipline
- Helping parents and students with peer pressure
- Helping students concentrate on their school work
- Helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school

It is with these things in mind that we set forth these regulations pertaining to personal appearance and grooming:

Tops: ~~White shirts~~ **Royal blue shirts** with sleeves; non see-through; no writing, drawing, designs, or logos; not too low in front as to expose any part of the breast or too low in back as to expose shoulder blades; must be long enough to be tucked in at all times

Bottoms: **Long** ~~Khaki or bluejean-type~~ pants or skirts that are knee length or below; worn at the waist; no ornamentation, writing, drawing, designs or logos; a belt will be worn at all times

Footwear: Black, white, or brown shoes must be worn at all times; only white, black or brown shoe laces, laces must be tied at all times

Hair should not obstruct vision and should not be of extreme color. Picks, combs, rollers, banana clips, etc. are not allowed. No designs may be cut in hair or eyebrows slashed

No sunglasses, gloves, hats or caps, or jewelry of any kind will be allowed.