

## **Templeton Elementary School Uniform Policy and Student Dress Code 09-10**

A safe and disciplined learning environment is the first requirement of a good school. Young people who are safe and secure and who learn the essentials of good citizenship, are better students. In response to growing levels of violence in our schools, many parents, teachers, and school officials have come to see school uniforms as one positive and creative way to reduce discipline problems and increase school safety. They observed that the adoption of 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.
- \*helping school officials recognize intruders who come to the school.

### **Dress Code:**

#### **Girls**

##### **\* Tops**

Solid light blue/powder blue Peter Pan Blouse. Shirt maybe either long sleeve or short sleeve.  
Solid light blue/powder blue Polo style (golf shirt with collar shirt. Shirt maybe either long sleeve or short sleeve. Polo shirts with small slits in the side maybe worn un-tucked. Polo shirts without small slits in the sides must be tucked in.  
Undergarments must not be visible.  
No logos or highly visible emblems.  
No sheer fabrics, tank tops, t-shirts, turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks, spaghetti strings, sequins or sleeveless shirts.

##### **\*Bottoms**

Solid navy blue jumper. Must be no shorter than knee length.  
Solid navy blue pleated skirt. . Must be no shorter than knee length.  
Solid navy blue dress pants.  
Solid navy blue skorts Must be no shorter than knee length.  
Solid navy blue pleated shorts. Must be no shorter than knee length.(1st and 4th quarters only)  
Brown or black belt (optional).  
No cargo pants or cargo pockets.  
No velvet, velour, sequins, sweatpants, starter pants, knit pants, denim or stretch pants of any kind or type allowed.

#### **Boys**

##### **\*Tops**

Solid light blue/powder blue cotton button down Oxford dress shirt. Shirt maybe long sleeve or

short sleeve. Dress shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Solid light blue/powder blue Polo style (golf shirt with collar) shirt. Maybe long sleeve or short sleeve. Polo shirts with small slits in the side maybe worn un-tucked. Polo shirts without small slits in the sides must be tucked in.

Undergarments must not be visible.

No logos or highly visible emblems.

No sheer fabrics, sequins, turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks, t-shirts tank tops, muscle shirts or sleeveless shirts.

#### \*Bottoms

Canvass/twill/corduroy solid navy blue dress pants.

Canvass/twill / corduroy solid navy blue shorts. Must be no shorter than knee length. (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters only.)

Brown or black belt (optional).

No cargo pants or cargo pockets.

No velvet, velour, sequins, sweatpants, knit pants, starter pant, denim or stretch pants of any kind or type allowed.

#### \* Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets and vests

Solid navy blue knit, V-neck, crewneck and cardigan sweaters maybe worn over the permitted school tops.

Solid navy blue knit pullover vests are permitted to be worn over the accepted tops.

No sweatshirts, fleece pullovers, or hoodies are allowed.

Coats, jackets and other outerwear may not be worn in class during the school day. These items must be taken off in class and stored in the classroom until dismissal.

#### \* Shoes

Shoes must be either black or brown. Sneakers are permitted as long as they are either mostly brown or black (at least 80%) NO Roller shoes or Heelys. No high heel or open toed shoes.

Socks should either be solid navy blue or white.

Girls may wear solid navy blue tights.

Boots are only allowable when appropriate weather dictates, ex. Snow or heavy rain.

#### \*Other items

Pants should not be excessively long or baggy. Pants should fit properly without saggy legs or bottoms.

Pants should not be too tight but have a relaxed fitted appearance.

Clothing should not have visible tears or stains.

School uniforms should not appear soiled or unkempt.

No denim or jeans of any kind maybe worn.

Bandanas, hats and sunglasses are prohibited.

No turtlenecks, mock-turtlenecks or t-shirts are allowed.

Necklaces maybe worn, however they must be tucked under shirts.

Earrings for girls may be no larger than a quarter. Boys should have only studs.

Excessive bracelets (anything over 3) are prohibited.

Exceptions to wearing the uniform are permitted when:

1. Uniforms of nationally recognized youth organizations such as the Boy and Girl scouts are worn on regular meetings days.

2. A uniform program does not prevent a student from wearing a button, armband, or other item guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution unless the button or other item is

related to gangs, gang membership, or gang activity.

3. Pre-K teachers may make temporary, individual exceptions on a case-by-case basis based on the needs of a particular student.

### **Templeton Elementary Uniform Enforcement Policy**

Templeton Elementary Uniform Committee adopted a mandatory uniform policy in accordance with Prince George's County Policy #600. Below is the described policy procedure.

Each classroom teacher will work closely with the students in his/her class and their families so that we may achieve 100% uniform compliance.

This will mean developing a supportive relationship with the families. Most uniform concerns can be handled at this level. Any particular problem or resistance should be referred to the Principal or her designee.

As staff members identify families in need of extra support, they are to be referred to the Principal/Designee. The administration will verify the need and help to attain uniforms for the child.

When a teacher feels he/she has tried to work with the parents concerning a uniform violation, but has been unsuccessful, the following steps will take place. These procedures have been established by the Board of Education for consistent violations.

- First violation: The school representative will contact the parents/guardians by phone, send home our uniform violation letter, and notify administration.
- Second violation: The school representative will contact the parents/guardians by phone, send home a second notice, and contact administration.
- Third violation: The administration will call the parent/guardian and send home a written notification.
- Fourth violation: The administration will arrange a parent conference to reiterate the parameters of the policy and the consequences of future violations. Written notification will be sent home documenting the conference.
- Fifth violation: The student will be removed from class by administration and the student complete classroom assignments provided by the teacher in another part of the school.
- Sixth Violation: A parent/student conference will be held with administration and teacher. A final warning will be issued, advising them that another violation will result in reassignment to a non-uniform school. Documentation of this meeting will be given to parent.
- Seventh Violation: The student will be reassigned to a school that does not have a mandatory school uniform policy.

Let's work together for the success of our children. Thanks for your cooperation.