

## *District Uniform Policy*

### Philosophy

Nationally, with the start of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, employers have joined with school administrators in order to develop students who are prepared for the workforce upon leaving school.

Education, the foremost role of a school enables students to achieve success in their future endeavors. Attire plays an important role in the workforce and learning how to properly dress is an area that schools must address as part of a student's education process.

### Purpose

The primary responsibility for determining appropriate dress and grooming lies with parents. Even though school attire is not intended to stifle a student's personal taste, as part of the educational process, it is necessary to establish guidelines as to what is permitted within the school environment. The safety and health of individuals is of the utmost importance.

In addition, it is essential to encourage choices that are conducive to establishing a climate of teaching and learning. Therefore, items that become a distraction to the educational process will be prohibited. The following standards will assist the students and parents in determining acceptable attire for a school setting.

### The Dress Code

A "Dress Code Committee" consisting of students, teachers, administrators, and Board Members, has decided on uniform attire:

**Shirt**, students must wear a navy polo uniform shirt with a collar either long sleeves or short sleeves. The shirt should have no brand-affiliated logo (a logo is often associated with a particular socioeconomic status). In addition, no stripes, or designs can be anywhere on the shirt. As part of the uniform, students may purchase shirts through the designated uniform vendor. Shirts purchased from the vendor can be purchased with the Garfield Elementary Schools Monogram. Shirts must be long enough to ensure that the midriff is not exposed, but not so long that the entire pocket is covered, and buttoned sufficiently to prevent unacceptable exposure.

**Pants**, students must wear khaki or black pants. A khaki, black skirt or skort may be worn by our female students that are two (2") inches above the knee. All students may wear khaki, black shorts, and capris between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. No jeans of any color, sweat pants, spandex or stretch pants are permitted. Low cut pants that lead to exposure of undergarments an exposed midriff are not permitted. Uniform shirts with black, navy, or gray sweat pants will be permitted on days where the student has physical education.

### Cold or Inclement Weather Clothing

Coats, heavy jackets, and hats must be placed in the designated coat room in the classroom prior to the start of the first period class. These articles may be worn during recess on cold days. In the event of cold or inclement weather the following clothing items may be worn in class: 1) school-issued warm up jackets that do not have a hood, no sweat shirts, with or without a hood; 2) a solid navy "light" jacket without a hood or logo; 3) long sleeve solid colored shirts can be worn under the uniform shirt; 4) solid navy sweaters over the school uniform, no hoods or logos.

A solid navy colored polar fleece, without a hood over the school uniform is permitted. No logos, stripes or designs are permitted on the fleece unless issued by the uniform vendors. Additionally, decisions on attire/accessories are prohibited as follows:

### Safety

- Loose and improperly fitted clothing that may get caught on objects or cause tripping.
- Hooded sweat shirts will not be permitted during the school day. If worn as a jacket to school, they must be placed in the coat room prior to the start of first period.
- Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn indoors due to limited vision.
- Footwear that is loose, has untied laces or straps, or does not provide a firm walking surface and good balance. Flip-flops, slides, bedroom slippers, and beach shoes are not permitted. Sandals with a back strap will be permitted May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Educational Distractions

Fashion designed to exaggerate, emphasize, reveal, or call attention to anatomical details. Messages via words or pictures on items that are lewd, obscene, drug oriented, profane, or infer violence/weapons. Any clothing, apparel or accessory which indicates membership in an unauthorized group, gang, or secret sorority/fraternity is not permitted.