



5518 SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Introduction/Background

The Board of Education believes school dress can influence student behavior and a school dress code policy will enhance a school's learning environment. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-7 and N.J.S.A 18A: 11-8, the Board adopts a district wide school uniform dress code policy for grades Pre-K - 12.

School Uniform Dress Code

The school uniform dress code to be worn in each school will be selected by the board of education. Footwear is not to be included as part of the school uniform. A description of the school uniform for the district shall be attached to this policy.

The school approved dress code to be worn to school shall be purchased by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The school dress code colors are white, blue, light blue and/or items with district logo apparel, as well as khaki, black, or blue pants and skirts.

The Board believes the cost of a school dress code will result in a lesser expense for each student. The Board, however, shall not pay for the school dress code items. However, each school, working with the school's parent organization, will develop fundraising opportunities, community donation programs, and corporate sponsorships to community donation programs, and corporate sponsorships to defray the cost of the school dress code to students and to assist in the compliance with this Policy for economically disadvantaged students.

Annual Policy Review

The Board of Education will evaluate the effectiveness of the Policy on an annual basis before the end of each school year. The Principal of each building will compile a report to the Superintendent to be presented to the Board indicating the impact school uniforms had on the school's learning environment. This report shall be presented to the board by May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board will consider this report for each school with this School Uniform Policy and may revise this Policy to remove a school from the list of schools to require school uniforms.

Policy Publication

The Building Principal will distribute a copy of this policy; to all parent (s) or legal guardian (s) of all students in the school; to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of all students entering the school from another school in the district; and/or to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of all students entering the school during the school year from another school district.

Legal References

N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-7

N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-8

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