

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFORM INFORMATION SHEET

Purpose:

- The School Board recognizes its obligation to provide schools where the health, safety and welfare of the students who attend those schools are given paramount consideration and where a positive learning environment must be maintained.
- The School Board is aware of its obligation to make every effort to minimize the opportunities for student distraction and/or disruption in the schools.
- The School Board believes that a uniform policy will address issues related to health, safety, and welfare of the students and the maintenance of positive learning environment.

General Information:

- Beginning with the first day of school, August 25, 2008, students in Grades K-8 will be required to comply with the school uniform policy.
- Each elementary building, the middle school, and the Administration Building will have a display of sample uniforms. A color flier displaying sample uniforms will be sent to all parents. The school district website, www.pottstownschoools.com, will post pictures of the uniform. The community will be invited to a school uniform display on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, 7:30 p.m. in the middle school auditorium.
- The school Board uniform Committee, along with teachers and administrators, will develop a compliance program that includes (a) student and parent accountability with consequences, (b) student incentive reward programs for wearing uniforms.
- All uniform pieces must be appropriately sized for the student, that is, they must be no more than one regular size larger than the student actually measures. Extra wide, extra full, extra long, baggy or saggy pants, and cargo pants are **NOT** acceptable. All pants and shorts must be worn waist high. If the pant has belt loops, a belt must be worn.
- The school district logo is **NOT** required to appear on clothing but is permitted.
- Manufacturer or store logos that appear on clothing may be no larger than one-half inch (1/2").
- All colors must be solid, that is, without patterns, designs, checks, slogans, etc.
- You have the **option** of purchasing uniform items from any vendor who meets your needs.

Transfer Students:

- Transfer students will be allowed ten (10) school days from the date of admission to be in compliance with the uniform policy.

Exemptions:

- Students will be exempt from wearing school uniforms on picture day and other special event days as designated by the building principal.

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- **Tops:**
 1. Solid color tops in the following colors: white, navy blue, light blue.
 2. Collared shirt or blouse, long or short sleeved (white, navy blue, light blue.).
 3. Oxford style button down shirt. All buttoned down shirt must be buttoned except for the top two buttons (white, light blue).
 4. Turtlenecks: white, navy blue, light blue
 5. Sweater/vest worn over uniform shirt: navy blue.
 6. Navy blue crew neck sweatshirt with or without school district logo on gym day for elementary level students are acceptable but not required to replace other top.
- **Bottoms:**
 1. Colors: khaki (tan) or navy blue.
 2. Dress long pants (no denim in any color).
 3. Shorts, skirts, skorts – fingertip length or longer (khaki tan or navy blue, no denim in any color).
 4. Capri pants are allowed (khaki [tan] or navy blue, no denim in any color).
 5. Jumpers are allowed (khaki [tan] or navy blue, no denim in any color).
 6. Tights may be worn under skirts or skorts (color: navy blue, light blue, white, skin tone).
 7. Navy blue crew neck, sweat pants or gym shorts for elementary level students are acceptable but not required to replace other bottoms.
- **Shoes and footwear:**
 1. Shoes and footwear must be appropriate for school wear, and consistent with good safety practices.

Examples of inappropriate shoes or footwear, which are not permitted under this policy, would include such items as:

- (a) Thongs, flip-flops, or "jellies."
- (b) Any open toe shoes at the elementary grade levels.

- (c) Slippers and socks without shoes, unless necessitated by a medical condition.
- (d) All footwear that presents a safety hazard including but not limited to the following:
 - Loose fitting
 - Laces untied
 - Excessively high platform shoes
 - Excessively high heels

2. Students in lab areas, in physical education class, or participating in sports, must wear shoes that completely cover the tops of the feet, and are appropriate to the activity being conducted.

- Gym Attire (Grades 6, 7, 8)

1. Color: navy/light blue.
2. Sweat pants: cotton blend, navy.
3. Crew neck short sleeved T-shirts: white, light blue, navy blue.
4. Mesh shorts or cotton blend: navy/white.
5. Sweatshirts: navy/gray.
6. Sneakers.