

Students

Dress Code

School Uniforms

I. Representative Involvement

The decision to implement school uniforms shall be made by the Executive Director or his/her designee, with input from administration, staff, and parents/guardians. In schools where a school-wide uniform is implemented, the Principal with input from staff, and parents/guardians of the individual school shall select the specific uniform to be worn. Once selection has been made, the school uniform shall be mandatory for all students.

II. Information Dissemination

- A. The Principal or designee shall give parents/guardians a minimum of six months notice before a school uniform policy is implemented.
- B. The school shall communicate information to parents/guardians regarding the uniform policy, including its rationale, benefits to students, and specific information, such as:
 - 1. Description of uniform.
 - 2. Availability of financial support and procedures for seeking assistance.
 - 3. Availability of uniforms.
 - 4. Methods to facilitate recycling of uniforms within the school community.
- C. The information shall be communicated through the school's newsletter, parent meetings, PTA meetings, registration materials, and parent/student handbooks.

III. Basic Tenets to be Observed

- A. Students who attend a school where they are required to wear a uniform may:
 - 1. Display religious messages on items of clothing to the same extent they are permitted to display other comparable messages.
 - 2. Wear attire which is part of their religious practice.
 - 3. Wear or display expressive items, such as a button, so long as such items do not contribute to disruption by substantially interfering with discipline or with the rights of others.

Students

Dress Code

School Uniforms

- B. No student shall be denied attendance at school, penalized or otherwise subjected to compliance measures for failing to wear the required uniform for reason of financial hardship.

Regulation approved: June 18, 2003
Revised: February 19, 2014

CAPITOL REGION EDUCATION COUNCIL
Hartford, Connecticut