

# Aspire Port City Academy

## UNIFORM POLICY

Aspire Public Schools is committed to creating a culture of academic rigor in our schools. A uniform dress code encourages this atmosphere. Implementation of this policy will reduce distractions and disruptions caused by clothing, make economic disparities between students less obvious, reduce other risks to student safety, and promote student achievement and create an orderly learning environment. Please make sure that your child wears the proper uniform attire.

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- The colors for pants, shorts, skirts will be navy blue and khaki. Pants may NOT be jeans or athletic pants.
- The color for shirts is navy blue or white (no light blue or gray). Shirts need to have a collar, either a polo style or button-up shirt is acceptable. Undershirts must be solid navy blue or solid white.
- Closed toed shoes such as tennis shoes are acceptable. Shoes that are NOT acceptable are flip-flops, or sandals, or “roller” shoes with wheels inside. This policy is specifically for the safety of your students.
- Socks must be white or navy. Stockings must be solid in white or navy. No striped, patterned or multicolored socks will be acceptable.
- Sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets must be appropriately fitted, not undersized or oversized. Hoodies are not permitted. Logo sweatshirts or jackets will only be allowed outside before and after school and during recess. Students must be wearing their standard uniforms during class time. Snug sweaters worn as fashion accessories, and other accessories that do not fit within the uniform code are not permitted. This includes hat, sunglasses, hairpieces, fake nails and oversized earrings or jewelry. ***Please remember the purpose of this policy is to maintain a focus on learning and helping our students be well prepared for college.***
- On Fridays, students may wear blue jeans (or jeans skirt that are no more than two inches above the knee, no exceptions) and a college or “Puma” shirt. Students not wearing a college or “Puma” shirt must wear the regular school uniform. No other color jeans are acceptable.
- If a student doesn't have the correct uniform attire on at school, they will be sent to the office to borrow clothes from our Uniform Closet and a note will be sent home. If this becomes a pattern of behavior, a parent meeting will be set to discuss the issue and create a plan to correct it.
- For the first three days of school, students not in uniform will not be required to change, but will receive a reminder note for parents.
- Due to the fact that Aspire is a choice school, there will be **NO uniform exemptions for students.**