

SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS

The Board of Education recognizes a safe and disciplined learning environment of a good school. Students who are safe and secure, who learn basic American values and the essentials of good citizenship are better students. In response to the growing levels of discipline problems in the nation's schools, the Greene County Board of Education supports the beliefs of parents, teachers and school officials that a mandatory standardized school uniform dress program is a positive and creative way to reduce discipline problems, promote school safety, and enhance the overall learning environment.

The Greene County Board of Education hereby adopts the following guidelines for all elementary, middle, and high schools to participate in a mandatory standardized school uniform dress program.

1. Students shall dress in proper uniform attire. It will be the parents' responsibility to ensure compliance with the uniform dress policy.
2. Students shall wear the adopted school attire. The clothing may not be altered by slits, cuts, holes, shredded hems, slashes, etc.
3. A belt must be worn with pants and shorts that have belt loops.
4. Shoes may be casual black, brown, or navy, or tan.
5. There are no restrictions on athletic shoes
6. Boots are prohibited
7. The School Uniform Policy must accommodate students whose religious beliefs are substantially burdened by the requirements.
8. The uniform policy may not prohibit students from wearing or displaying expression items for example a button showing support for a political candidate so long as such items does not independently contribute to disruption by substantially interfering with discipline or with the rights of others.
9. Students unable to afford uniforms will give notification in writing to Greene County Board of Education immediately. Means of acquiring uniforms due to said special extenuating circumstances will be channeled through other charitable institutions or organizations for assistance.
10. No student shall be considered non-compliance with the policy in the following instances:
 - a. When noncompliance derives from demonstrated financial hardships.
 - b. When noncompliance derives from a documented disability.
 - c. When wearing a uniform violates a student's sincerely held religious belief.
 - d. When wearing approved attire for clubs and organizations

The following shall be considered inappropriate dress for students:

- Hoodies
- Boots
- Shirts outside slacks
- Strapless dresses
- Sunglasses inside building (except for medical reasons)
- Spaghetti straps
- Picks, combs in hair
- Hair brushes and curlers in hair
- Tank tops, muscle shirt, or see-through clothing
- Belts unfastened, slacks and shorts below the waist (sag), overalls with snaps unfastened
- Halter, short-shorts, skin tight biking shorts, boxer shorts, and mini-skirts

- Hats or other head covering (except for safety reasons) shall not be worn inside the building
- Clothing with decals or slogans of unacceptable groups of language that contains and/or refers to suggestive or immoral behavior or profanity, gang activity, alcohol or tobacco advertisement
- Sweat suits
- Clothing or insignia that could incite ill feelings and racial problems
- Earrings or studs for boys are not allowed

GIRLS	Navy or khaki colored (tan) knee length skirts, jumpers, or shorts and slacks. ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS OF ANY COLOR	Long or short sleeves, navy or white polo knit shirt or buttoned blouse with a collar. Shirts in school colors bearing school logo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts NOT PERMITTED • Navy or white undershirt if visible
	Navy or khaki colored (tan) slacks or knee length shorts. ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS OF ANY COLOR	Long or short sleeves, navy or white polo or oxford buttoned shirt with a collar. Shirts in school colors bearing school logo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirt NOT PERMITTED • Navy or white undershirt if visible
BOYS and GIRLS	Shoes	Navy, brown, tan, or black leather low-top or deck shoes. There are no restrictions on Athletic Shoes
	Belts	A web or leather belt in brown, black, or navy must be worn with all items of clothing that have belt loops.
	Outerwear (Coats, jackets, etc.)	Students are encouraged to purchase adopted outerwear in school colors. If not purchased, adopted outerwear should be navy, black, khaki, or brown. Students will not be allowed to wear embellished jackets; i.e. logo, decorated, etc. Hooded Coats are permitted. NO Hooded sweatshirts (with or without zippers) are NOT PERMITTED
	Book Bags	Mesh (navy, black, or brown) or clear.

Grades 9 – 10 (Standard Dress Code)

GIRLS	Khaki colored (tan) knee length skirts and shorts or slacks and ankle pants ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS OF ANY COLOR	Long or short sleeved button down, collared white shirt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts or Polo Shirts NOT PERMITTED • White undershirt Navy Colored Sweater or Sweater Vest WITH NECKTIE
	Khaki colored (tan) knee length shorts or slacks. ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS OF ANY COLOR	Long or short sleeved button down, collared white shirt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts or Polo Shirts NOT PERMITTED • White undershirt Navy Colored Sweater or Sweater Vest WITH NECKTIE
BOYS and GIRLS	Shoes	Brown or black loafers or white Athletic Shoes
	Belts	A leather belt in brown or black must be worn with all items of clothing that have belt loops.
	Outerwear (Coats, jackets, etc.)	Students must wear a navy blazer. During the cooler months, students can wear a blue, tan, brown or black overcoat. Hooded Coats are permitted. NO Hooded sweatshirts (with or without zippers) are NOT PERMITTED
	Ties	Students will wear a tie that represents their Cohort (Class). Year 1 Freshman Academy students will wear a Red and Gold tie while the Year 2 Freshman Academy students' tie color will be maroon.
	Book Bags	Mesh (navy, black, or brown) or clear.