



Dress Code Policy

Uniforms improve the classroom-learning environment by:

- a. Helping students concentrate on their schoolwork by setting a tone for serious study,
- b. Removing distractions created by socioeconomic differences and modern fashion, and
- c. Instilling students with discipline.

Uniforms build citizenship and a sense of community in our children by:

- a. Building self-esteem, self-respect, and school spirit among students,
- b. By creating the distinction of being part of a group,
- c. Maintaining a good school image in the community by a neat appearance, and
- d. Providing a visible and public symbol of commitment to school improvement and reform.

Uniforms create a safe learning environment by:

- a. Helping school officials recognize intruders who may come into the school.

Dress Code Policy Details

*Bold and Underlined items are new additions or changes to the dress code

***The new Heather Gray color is the lighter gray that you'll find in stores. See photos below for examples of acceptable colors.**

CLOTHING ITEM	COLOR	COMMENTS
Tops/Undershirts	SOLID COLORS: Navy, White, Light Blue, Primary Red & Heather Gray (light gray)	Guidelines: Must have a collar! (Turtlenecks OK) Not Acceptable: Brand name emblems (example: Polo, RL, Tommy, etc.), Any red other than the Primary red (example: maroon) Shirts must be buttoned up (except for one or two buttons at the top). <u>Lace collars and mock turtle neck.</u>
Sweaters & Outerwear	SOLID COLORS: Navy, White, Light Blue, Primary Red & Heather Gray (light gray)	Guidelines: Outerwear worn inside the classroom must be one solid color in the acceptable colors, or school logo'd items. No other logos are permitted. Not Acceptable: Sweatshirts, jackets, or non-approved uniform outerwear worn inside the classroom.
Dresses	SOLID COLORS: Navy, Primary Red, Light Blue, Khaki, White & Heather Gray (light gray)	Acceptable: Solid colored dresses with collars. Approved colors only. Guidelines: No more than 2 inches above the knee.

<p>Bottoms: <u>Shorts, Pants & Capris</u></p>	<p>SOLID COLORS: Khaki & Navy</p>	<p>Guidelines: Bottoms must be made of cotton, twill, or polyester. Cargo pockets are acceptable. Shorts must be knee length or no more than 2 inches above the knee. Cut offs must be cuffed or hemmed.</p> <p>Not Acceptable: Extra zippers, knit bottoms (leggings as pants), extra ruffles, gaucho pants, emblem items, frayed edges, holes, rips or slits of any kind allowed on pants, shorts or capris even if they were purchased that way; or more than a 5"x 5" area of embellishments on blue jeans.</p>
<p>Skirts/Jumpers</p>	<p>Khaki, Navy, & School Approved Plaid (See photos below)</p>	<p>Guidelines: Knee length or no more than 2 inches above the knee. Jumpers are acceptable and must be worn with a collared shirt. Plaid skirts and jumpers must be the school approved plaid. For a sample of school approved plaid, please see the photos below.</p>
<p>Shoes</p>	<p><u>Student's Choice</u></p>	<p>Student choice of comfortable shoes; must be matching, conservative style that is non-distracting to the educational environment; must be closed-toed and closed-heeled; heels or soles no higher than one inch; no lights, charms, characters, or wheels; for safety and comfort, athletic shoes are required for gym. Snow boots must be changed to school-approved shoes while inside the building.</p>

<p>Accessories</p>	<p>Black, Brown, or Navy</p>	<p>Belts may be leather or simulated, flat, braided or stretch but must be all black, brown or navy; belts must be worn within all belt loops.</p> <p><u>Not Acceptable: Scarves. Non prescription glasses</u></p>
<p>Socks Leggings & Tights</p>	<p><u>Socks must be matching with no graphics.</u></p> <p><u>Emblems, logos, and patterns such as stripes, polka dots, etc. are acceptable.</u></p> <p><u>Anything that may be deemed inappropriate will be determined by the administration.</u></p> <p><u>There are no color requirements for socks.</u></p> <p><u>Leggings & Tights must be SOLID COLORS:</u></p> <p>Grey, Black, Navy Blue, White, Red or Tan.</p>	<p>Socks or tights are mandatory for all students. Nylons are not allowed. <u>Leggings are only allowed to be worn under skirts or dresses, they cannot be worn on their own as pants.</u></p> <p><u>Not Acceptable: Socks, tights, and leggings with holes or rips.</u></p>

Hair Accessories/ Hats	Navy Blue, White, Red, Light Blue, Black or Brown/Tan	Hair accessories must be worn in school colors. Patterns such as polka dot, stripes, or plaid in the acceptable colors are allowed. Glitter, sequins, large bows, flowers, etc. are distracting and not allowed. Hats can be worn in the gym prior to school starting. Hats cannot be worn during school hours.
Hair	No unnatural looking hair colors	Neat, clean, and combed in appearance; appropriate for school; no extreme hairstyles; no irregular/unnatural colors. *This is determined by the administration.
Jewelry		Small, simple, and non-distracting to the educational environment; no large hoop or long dangle earrings for safety concerns. If jewelry becomes a distraction in the classroom, it may be taken away.

Below are a few examples of uniform dress:



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FRIDAY DRESS

On Fridays, students may wear blue jeans, uniform bottoms, or school spirit attire. School Spirit attire includes: shirts, sweatshirts, athletic shorts, and sweatpants with the school logo printed on them. Spirit attire will be available for purchase through the school's website. If your child does not have spirit attire, they may wear a uniform shirt with jeans on Fridays only.

FREE DRESS DAY GUIDELINES

Students are allowed to wear modest clothing other than their school uniforms. The exceptions to that are: hats, swim wear, and pajamas. For safety reasons students MUST wear school approved shoes.

PROVISIONS

The director may amend or change the School Uniform Policy at any time. These changes may be beyond the control of the director, such as changes in federal or state laws or policies. The director, in considering any changes to the School Uniform Policy, shall consider at least the following elements: quality, cost, availability for purchase, and style of the uniform.

ENFORCEMENT

The School Uniform Policy will be enforced by the director, and staff of The Ranches Academy. All dress code enforcement is subject to the Director's discretion.

ASSISTANCE – LOW INCOME STUDENTS

Uniform clothing under this policy may be available for students whose parents need help in obtaining them. The school director shall make decisions regarding assistance.

INFRACTIONS

During the first week of school, staff may verbally inform students of infractions. For official first and second infractions, an email will be sent home noting the infraction. Third infraction and beyond, the parent will be called and required to bring the item to the school so the child can change. Excessive infractions will result in a meeting with the director, child, and parent.

UNIFORM EXEMPTIONS & MODIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, Section 53A-15-602(8), 1953, as amended 2003, the school director is allowed, at any time during the school year, to grant an exemption from wearing a uniform to a student because of extenuating circumstances. The school will work with families who have extenuating circumstances. This provision is subject to state and federal law.

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