
SCHOOL UNIFORM 2011-2012

Umoja (unity)

Students are required to wear the designated school uniform EVERY DAY. The uniform expresses **Umoja**, our unity as a community of learners as well as practicality, neatness, and economy for parents. Students are required to be in regulation uniform from the time they arrive at school to the time they are picked up from school. Violations will result in disciplinary action including detention. Continued disregard for the uniform policy will result in a suspension from school.

Grades K-5th (May 1-September 30)

- Black dress pants. Skirts, or walking shorts-No spandex, short shorts, mini-skirts or skorts. Shorts and skirts must be knee high length. Pants and shorts are to be at student's waist-no sagging.
- A plain **black** belt **must** be worn with the pants or shorts. No designer belts or belt buckles. Traditional belt buckles only, no name buckles, guns buckles, money buckles etc...the administration will make the final determination on the appropriateness of the buckle.
- Gray polo style shirt (long or short sleeve) with school logo.
- School shoes – black dress shoes. All black shoes/no gym shoes or boots. Girls dress shoes are to be flat – no heels or wedges are to be worn. All shoes must have a rubber bottom.
- Black or white socks are recommended.
- A plain black sweater (without beads, colored stitching, etc.) may be worn if desired (**NO HOODIES**). Jackets or coats are to be put away in coat closet or locker and are not to be worn around the interior of the building.
- Hats, hoods, scullies, doo-rags and head scarves are to be removed upon entering building.

WINTER (October1- April 30)

- Black dress pants or skirts. Skirts are to be knee high length (no mini-skirts). Pants are to be at student's waist-no sagging.
- Shorts are not part of the winter uniform.
- A plain **black** belt **must** be worn with pants. Pants are to fit not too loose and not too tight and not be worn around the buttocks. No designer belts or belt buckles. Traditional belt buckles only, no name buckles, guns buckles, money buckles etc...the administration will make the final determination on the appropriateness of the buckle.
- School shoes – black dress shoes. All black shoes/no gym shoes or boots. Girls dress shoes are to be flat – no heels or wedges are to be worn. All shoes must have a rubber bottom.
- Black or white socks are recommended.

- A plain black sweater (without beads, colored stitching, etc.) may be worn if desired (**NO HOODIES**). Jackets or coats are to be put away in coat closet or locker and are not to be worn around the interior of the building.
- A solid white or black turtle neck shirt under the uniform shirt may be worn.
- No accessories.
- No jackets covering the uniform shirt.
- Hats, hoods, scullies, doo-rags and head scarves are to be removed upon entering building.

STUDENTS DO NOT CHANGE CLOTHES OR SHOES FOR RECESS OR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (Grades 6th - 8th)

SUMMER UNIFORM (MAY 1-September 30)

- Khaki dress pants, skirts, or walking shorts without green tint- no spandex, short shorts, mini skirts or skorts. Pants and shorts are to be at student's waist-no sagging. Shorts and skirts must be **knee length**. No basketball shorts. A plain **black** belt must be worn with the pants and shorts. No designer belts or belt buckles. Traditional belt buckles only, no name buckles, guns buckles, money buckles etc...An administrator will make the final determination on the appropriateness of the buckle.
- Black polo style shirts (long sleeve or short sleeve) with school logo
- School shoes – black dress shoes. All black shoes/no gym shoes or boots. Girls dress shoes are to be flat – no heels or wedges are to be worn. All shoes must have a rubber bottom.
- Black or white socks are recommended.
- A plain black sweater (without beads, colored stitching, etc.) may be worn if desired (**NO HOODIES**). Jackets or coats are to be put away in coat closet or locker and are not to be worn around the interior of the building.
- A solid white or black turtle neck shirt under the uniform shirt may be worn.
- No accessories. Girls may have small purses only.
- Hats, hoods, scullies, doo-rags and head scarves are to be removed upon entering building.

WINTER (October 1-April 30)

- Khaki dress pants or skirts. Pants are to be at student's waist-no sagging. Skirts are to be knee length (no mini-skirts). Shorts are not part of the winter uniform. A plain **Black** belts must be worn with pants. Pants are to fit not too loose or not too tight and NOT be worn around the buttocks. No designer belts or belt buckles. Traditional belt buckles only, no name buckles, guns buckles, money buckles etc...The administration will make the final determination on the appropriateness of the buckle.
- School shoes- Black dress shoes. All black shoes/no Reeboks or boots. Girls dress shoes are to be flats- no heels or wedges are to be worn. All shoes must have a rubber bottom.
- Black or white socks are recommended.

- A plain black sweater (without beads, colored stitching, etc.) may be worn if desired (**NO HOODIES**). Jackets or coats are to be put away in coat closet or locker and are not to be worn around the interior of the building.
- Hats, hoods, scullies, doo-rags and head scarves are to be removed upon entering building.

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NON-UNIFORM DAYS (Grades 6th - 8th)

A few times a year students will be allowed to wear non-school uniform clothing. During casual dress days students may wear jeans, t-shirts, shorts or skirts. Shorts may only be worn when the summer uniform code is in effect. T-shirts must not have obscene, vulgar or offensive language or imagery. Shorts and skirts must coincide with the uniform code length requirement. During events that require students to dress up, not casual, students may wear pants (other than uniform) and skirts or dresses that coincide with the uniform dress code length requirement. Students will be informed of the type of dress required for upcoming events. If students do not have “dressy” clothing the school uniform in whole or in part (such as the pants) will suffice.

Grades K-8th

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Both boys and girls are required to wear the school gym uniform as described below:

Grey (K-5) or black (6-8) t-shirt- with school logo
 Plain black shorts- no Spandex, no basketball shorts or shorts with strips, colors or designs
 Plain black jogging pants (cotton only) in cold weather without strips, colors, or designs
 Grey (K-5) or black (6-8) sweat shirt in cold weather – with school logo

NO OTHER COLOR IS PERMITTED

As a safety measure, jewelry is not to be worn to gym.
 The school and gym uniform shirts are to be purchased through the (GCPTSO).

IMPORTANT: The administration will deem the appropriateness of student appearance, grooming, and the moderate wearing of jewelry.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT STUDENTS DO NOT CHANGE CLOTHES OR SHOES FOR GYM.

Note: Attendance at Public School Academies is voluntary; therefore, it is presumed that parents/guardians who send their children to a charter school have consented to the published rules about personal appearance and grooming. Neatness and attractiveness should be attributes the students strive to exhibit in their daily appearance.