

Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board of Trustees (Board) recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.

Authority

The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress while in the Charter School. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program or constitute a health or safety hazard.[1]

The Board shall require students to wear standard dress or uniforms.[1]

Where student dress may constitute student expression, Board policy related to student expression shall be followed.[2]

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.[1]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Principal/Chief Academic Officer or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming, and to enforce Board policy and Charter School rules governing student dress and grooming.

The Principal/Chief Academic Officer or designee shall ensure that all Charter School rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.[1]

The Principal/Chief Academic Officer or designee shall annually distribute this policy and the rules regarding dress and grooming, and standardized dress requirements, to students and parents/guardians, and shall include this information in student handbooks and on the Charter School website.

Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate, by example, positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty and professionalism in dress and appearance.[3]

Guidelines

Collared shirts/blouses must be in a solid color. Such clothing must be plain, without logos, stripes, or designs of any kind, or text.

Jumpers, shorts, skorts, skirts, and long pants must be solid navy, gray, black, or khaki/tan. Such clothing must be plain, without logos, stripes, or designs of any kind, or text.

Shorts, skorts and shorts must be no more than four (4) inches above the knee

Students are not permitted to wear coats, hats, hooded sweatshirts, or other outerwear during school hours. Instead, students may wear sweaters or non-hooded sweatshirts if they feel the need to wear additional layers of clothing. Sweaters and non-hooded sweatshirts must be solid in color.

Only closed-toe shoes are permitted to be worn at school for health and safety purposes. Such shoes must be black, blue (light/navy), brown, gray, or white. Shoelaces must also be solid black, navy, brown, gray, or white.

Crocs, clogs, open-heeled shoes, and shoes with built-in roller wheels are not permitted.

Socks and tights must be solid white, black, gray, or navy. Headbands and other hair accessories must also be solid white, black, gray, navy, or light blue. Jewelry is to be kept to a minimum

Spandex is prohibited

Bare midriffs are prohibited

Headwear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas, hairnets, hoods, skull caps, is not permitted except for religious purposes or medical reasons or when permitted by the Principal/Chief Academic Officer or designee.

Physical Education Uniform

Physical education uniforms are sweatpants or shorts, t-shirt, and sneakers. Such clothing and shoes must be solid gray, navy, white, khaki/tan, or black and have no logos, stripes or designs of any kind, or text except for the School name and/or logo. Sylvan Heights t-shirts may be worn as part of the physical education uniform.

Policy Violations

When students arrive to school without being properly dressed in uniform, parents/guardians will be contacted to bring suitable clothing. Violations of this policy may result in ineligibility for future "dress down" day privileges.

Legal

1. 22 PA Code 12.11
2. Pol. 2020
3. Pol. 3025