

Paterson School District

Uniform Guide: 2008-2009

Here's what you'll need to know to get your child "Dressed for Success"

Students in all grades must wear uniforms. You may purchase items through the school district. If you choose to purchase them from another resource, they will be allowed as long as they were free of logos and embellishments and they closely match the color and style of those ordered through the school and they meet all uniform and dress code requirements.

The Paterson School District uniform guidelines were approved by the Paterson School District Board of Directors on June 9, 2009, and apply to both male and female students.

- Polo shirts – both short and long sleeved collared polo shirts with buttons (1,2 3 buttons)
 - 5 colors to select from: forest green, light gray, light blue, pink and white
 - Shirts and all outerwear must fit well and not be oversized or undersized. Shirts can be worn untucked but must be appropriate length (top of pocket).
 - Shirts that fit longer than the top of the pockets will need to be tucked in
 - Shirts will carry no visible logos or embellishments
- Pants – 5-pocket style jeans or slacks, capris, shorts, or skirts in denim, navy or khaki
 - Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers must fit well and not be over or undersized. They must fit well at the waist and not “sag”.
 - Shorts, skirts and skorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
 - Shorts will be worn under all skirts or jumpers.
 - Pants will be free of design and embellishments
 - Cargo pants, or other pants with large pockets are not allowed.
- Inside the building outerwear – Dark gray fleeced jacket, or white sweater, may be worn inside the building.
 - All inside the building outerwear must fit well and not be oversized or undersized.
 - All outerwear worn inside the building must be of uniform color and style.
- Spirit-wear may be worn on designated “Spirit Days” at school.
 - The term “spirit” refers to clothing affiliated with the school, such as sweatshirts or tee shirts with the name of the school on them that are school issued.
- Other Casual Days or Theme Days: Throughout the school year the district may approve “Casual” of specific theme days for students.
- Coats: Coats do not need to be uniform color or style. However, the coat must be hung up or put in lockers upon arrival at school.
- Head Gear: No hats, sweatshirt hoods, sweater hoods, visors, bandanas, head scarves, scull-caps or hairnets are to be worn during the school day or on school buses.
- Footwear: As a health and safety precaution, students must wear shoes. During recess and/or sports activities students, should wear closed-toe shoes to protect their feet. All appropriate street shoes are allowed, including tennis shoes, sandals and other hard-soled shoes. Slippers are prohibited except for medical reasons or for specific short-term foot-related injuries. All shoe laces need to be same color – no cross colors allowed. Traditional cross lacing only.

Consequences for Dress Violations:

If the student's dress or grooming is objectionable under these provisions, the District shall request the student to make appropriate corrections. If the student refuses, the superintendent shall notify the parent or legal guardian, if reasonably possible, and request that person to assist the student to make the necessary correction. If both the student and parent refuse, the superintendent shall take appropriate disciplinary action. All discipline is progressive and could include the following:

Offenses/Consequences:

- 1st Offense: School will require student to remove or change inappropriate dress item.
Parent notified.
- 2nd Offense: #1 above plus lunch detention
- 3rd Offense: #1 and #2 above plus parent meeting
- 4th Offense: Short-term suspension
- 5th Offense: Expulsion

Students identified as being gang involved, influenced or affiliated shall be provided assistance and/or programs which discourage gang involvement or affiliation, enhance self-esteem, encourage interest and participation in school or other positive activities and promote membership in authorized school organizations.

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