



THE KENNEDY SCHOOL - PS#9 DRESS CODE POLICY

The Jersey City Board of Education has a policy requiring the wearing of school uniforms by students. School is a place of learning, where students are expected to dress appropriately. It is the responsibility of the students to maintain their personal appearance in a manner that reflects positively on both themselves and the school.

Violation of the school uniform policy shall not directly affect a student's academic performance. Parent concerns about the school uniform policy and the school dress code shall be reported to the principal.

The school uniform policy shall be in effect at all times during the school year and on field trips, unless permission is granted by the principal for special circumstances.

1. Colors –

The school color for uniform bottoms (pants, skirts, shorts) is **Black or navy blue**.

The school top color is **light / sky blue** with a collar.

2. Place of Purchase –

Uniform pants and tops may be purchased at any retail store; such as, **JCPenney, Sears, or KMart**.

3. Basic Uniform –

- The basic uniform shall be pants, skirt or jumper and long sleeve or short sleeve shirt with a collar (polo style, dress style, or turtleneck).
- Pants must be straight-legged or boot cut in good condition without holes or tears.
- Pants must fit at the waist and not be oversized or undersized (e.g., Baggy pants, sagging pants, tights, or pants made of spandex are prohibited).
- **Denim jeans are not permitted.**
- Walking shorts are permitted during the hot months of May and June. (Walking shorts are straight-legged shorts that are no more than three inches above the knee.)
- Skirts or jumpers must not be more than three inches above the knee.
- If belts are worn they must be fitted and put through belt loops. Belt buckles must be of standard size. Metal name belts and over-sized belt buckles are prohibited.
- T-shirts (undershirts) may be worn as undergarments. They must be solid white or light blue. They are not permitted to be worn as outer garment.



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- Sweaters and sweatshirts without hoods are permitted as items that may be worn over the uniform top during the cold months from December – February.

They must be solid and one of the following approved colors; navy blue, black, white or light blue

- **No denim material may be worn as uniform clothing.**
- All uniform clothing must be plain without any manufacturer's logos, brand names, pictures, slogans, patches or insignias visible on the clothing.

A school logo on clothing is permitted.

- Socks, tights and hose colors are solid white, navy blue, black or the designated school color. (Hose may also be flesh tone)
- Headgear (including hats, scarves, hoods, sweat bands and du-rags) **shall not** be worn in the school building.
- In cases where head coverings must be worn for religious or medical purposes, documentation verifying such use must be presented to the school.

4. Shoes -

- Casual shoe wear and sneakers are permitted.
- Sandals, flip-flops, slippers, open-toed shoes and shoes with rollers/wheels (heelys), are **prohibited**.

5. Coats -

- Heavy coats, heavy jackets and raincoats are not to be worn during the school day in class unless permitted by the principal for special circumstances.



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6. COMPLIANCE -

A student who is not in compliance with this policy or a school dress code shall be given a reasonable period of time to make adjustments so that he or she will be in compliance. Failure to comply may result in necessary, disciplinary action to encourage compliance with the policy.

7. NON-COMPLIANCE -

A student who is not in compliance with the uniform dress code will be disciplined in the following manner:

1. First infraction, student will be issued a verbal warning.
2. Second infraction will involve parents to be contacted via telephone. The parent will be asked to bring appropriate clothing to place the student within compliance.
3. Third infraction will involve a written warning notice and a parent conference.
4. Fourth infraction will result in the student not participating in recess clubs; ie, art club, music club, technology club, dance club.

It should be noted that our school maintains a 98% compliance.

Wendy Perez,

Principal