

### **Benefits of School Uniforms**

Pivot requires mandatory uniforms for all students. There are many positive reasons for uniforms, including:

- Uniforms encourage students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances
- Uniforms put the focus on academics, not fashion, because students project a neat, serious, businesslike image
- Uniforms create a school environment conducive fewer discipline problems because students are not distracted
- Uniforms can be less expensive
- Uniforms minimize the visible socio-economic differences between children
- Uniforms eliminate pressure to wear brand name clothing, "gang colors," etc.
- Uniforms create a sense of school pride and belonging

### **Listing of Acceptable Clothing**

#### **Traditional Uniforms**

Uniforms do not allow for clothing with colored trim, stripes, embroidery, decoration, etc. They also do not provide for overalls (overalls with pants, shorts, or skirts), sweatpants, sweat suit joggers, basketball shorts/pants, leggings, etc.

**Bottoms:** Black or Khaki/Tan (solid colored)

- Shorts, Slacks, Skorts, Skirts, Skirted jumpers, jeans (if khaki/tan or black)
- Must be plain, solid-color cotton, Twill, Corduroy or Denim fabric **NO SWEATS!!**

**Tops:** Middle School: RED or GREY High School: BLACK or GREY

- Pivot spirit wear: polos, t-shirts, dri-fits, hoodies (any color sold by Pivot)
  - Long or short sleeve (**NO TANKS TOPS** - even under sweaters or jackets)
- Tops must be solid in color and have no design on them.

#### **Other rules for appropriate dress:**

- Shirts (including t-shirts) must be below the waist line (no belly shirts).
- Shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh or longer.
- Shoes must be safe and appropriate (no house slippers).
- Clothes must be appropriate size, with waist of garment worn at student's waist.
- Clothing that is too tight or too loose is not appropriate for school.

**School administrators will determine if clothing is appropriate for school and complies with district rules.**

**Exceptions to the uniform dress code shall be permitted when:**

- Students in HOPE courses are allowed to dress in sports attire during the course time only not before.
- A student's parent requests a reasonable accommodation to address the student's disability or medical condition. Such request shall be provided in writing and submitted to the principal for approval.
- The wearing of clothing in compliance with the uniform dress code violated a student's sincerely held religious belief. Such students and the student's parents shall submit a signed affidavit setting forth the religious issues and the requested exemption to the policy.