



## 2018-2019 Uniform Policy FAQs

### ***What is the purpose of having a uniform policy?***

City School's dress code is based on the Biblical principles of modesty, neatness, and humility. As Christians, we are called to honor one another above ourselves (Rom 12:10). Our aim in living out this command with regard to uniforms is for students to call attention to themselves with their love for God and others, not through their outward appearance or dress. Let us strive to be examples to one another and to the world in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Tim 4:12). Our uniform guidelines are meant to promote a simple and modest appearance that allows us to focus on what matters most: love for God and others and growth of the mind, heart, and character.

### ***How will the uniform policy be enforced?***

PK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Because parents are primarily responsible for choosing/managing student uniforms at this age, parents will be notified by email about uniform infractions.

5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Because older students can take more ownership of their attire, students can be notified of uniform infractions during the school day in addition to parent notification by email.

All Students: Non-compliant accessories may be held by the teacher for a designated time period. Multiple uniform infractions will require a face-to-face meeting with administration and parents may be required to purchase appropriate uniform replacements from the school.

Teachers and staff can report uniform violations to administration. If your student has been given a uniform violation, we ask that you try to get the uniform compliant article of clothing or footwear within 7-10 days. If that time frame is difficult for your family for financial reasons, please let us know so we can work on an alternate solution.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: To promote a positive and non-distracting learning environment, we reserve the right to regulate any distracting or non-compliant attire or accessories. Consequences of non-compliance may include the student being unable to be in class until he/she is in compliance. \*\***

### ***Can a student wear any hoodie at school?***

Students can wear any hoodie, jacket, or sweater when they are OUTSIDE. Inside the classroom, students can wear a NAVY City School hoodie, a NAVY or BLACK cardigan sweater, OR a NAVY or BLACK navy hoodie or jacket that has no words, no characters, and no large logos or symbols. Sometimes these items are donated to the school, please check the uniform closet for free uniform items.

***Can my student wear black shoes and/or black belts on Chapel days?***

Yes! Students can wear BROWN or BLACK shoes and belts on Chapel days. For boys, belts must match the color of their chapel shoes. Boots of any kind are not allowed on any day.

***How can I know if the length of a short, skirt, skort or dress is in compliance or not?***

The short, skirt, skort or dress length can NOT be shorter than the tip of a student(s) longest finger when his/her arm is laid flat along the length of their body while standing. On PE uniform days, girls can wear BLACK OR NAVY tights or yoga-type gear UNDERNEATH their shorts. Tight fitting shorts, capris, pants or workout gear CAN NOT be worn as a stand-alone article of clothing for the bottom part of their body.

***Can a student wear their chapel uniform on other days besides Wednesdays?***

No, students need to wear the PE uniform on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

***With the change to Chapel skirts for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade this school year, can my 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade daughter choose to wear the jumper or the skirt?***

No, all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls need to wear the Chapel skirt on Chapel days. The move to the Chapel skirt for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls was due to parent feedback received through the City School Parent Council. They shared that it was a challenge for girls to unzip their jumper by themselves when changing to the PE uniform. For some, it was challenging to find jumpers in larger sizes.

***Can 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls wear pants or shorts for Chapel days?***

No pants nor shorts are an option for girls on Chapel days.

***Can my daughter wear shorts or leggings underneath her chapel skirt or chapel jumper?***

Girls can wear shorts underneath their Chapel skirt or jumper for modesty but should not be visible. Girls can wear NAVY, WHITE OR BLACK leggings that are full or ankle length underneath their skirts/skorts on Chapel days. While WHITE tights are still preferred, we do allow ankle or full-length leggings worn with matching socks on Chapel days. Socks need to be worn underneath the leggings not on top of them.

***Do shirts need to be tucked in?***

On chapel days, white shirts must be tucked in.

***Do boys have to wear belts on Chapel days?***

For 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys, belts are required on Chapel days. For Pre-K and Kinder boys, belts are optional on Chapel days.

***Can my student have stripes, piping or cording on his shorts or pants on PE uniform days?***

No. Stripes, piping nor cording on shorts and pants are not compliant on PE uniform days. Also, logos or brand stitching should be small. If a logo takes up a majority of a short or pant length then it is not compliant.

***On cold days, can my student wear another shirt underneath his short sleeve shirt?***

Yes, as long as the shirt is black or white. Graphics on the long sleeve shirt should not be visible through the short sleeve shirt.

***Can my student wear any City School tee-shirt on PE uniform days?***

GREY Field Day shirts are allowed from any year. Navy Field Day shirts and the white, long sleeve City School shirts are not allowed. PE uniform shirts must have the new logo (like the one at the top of this document).

***Are sneakers allowed on PE uniform days?***

Yes! By sneakers, we are referring to those like the Converse or Vans brand shoes that are not necessarily athletic shoes but do have rubber soles. As a reminder, sneakers (and athletic shoes) on PE days should not have wheels, lights, nor sounds. Boots of any kind are not allowed on any day.

***Can students wear colored or festive socks around the holidays or special days?***

Unless indicated otherwise through a school-wide communication, students should ONLY wear white, black or navy socks with their uniform.

***Can students wear necklaces?***

Yes, as long as they are not distracting. We recommend that necklaces be small, thin and modest. Neon and very brightly colored necklaces can be distracting, so they may be considered as non-compliant.

***Can my student color their hair?***

A full head of bright-colored or unnatural hair color IS NOT allowed. We define natural hair colors as brunette, blonde, auburn or redheaded. However, someone who is redheaded is born with that hair color and does not dye or color it red. Bright or unnatural hair color highlights and dyed tips are allowed.

***Can students wear hats on any school day?***

When students are outside, they may wear hats. When they are inside, hats must be put away.

***Can girls wear headbands on any school day?***

Yes, as long as they are not distracting. Small, thin headbands or hair accessories are recommended on any school day. However, neon and/or very bright or large headbands, bows or hair accessories may be considered as non-compliant.

***Who should I contact with uniform questions, concerns, feedback or ideas?***

You can start by emailing Laura Gomez, our Director of Operations at [LGomez@cityschooltexas.org](mailto:LGomez@cityschooltexas.org). Please note that our leadership team -- made up of our Head of School (John Rees), Director of Academics (Vickie Hooper) and Director of Operations (Laura Gomez) -- discuss and set the uniform policy for our school in the early weeks of the summer break. We then communicate the uniform policy for the coming school year in June or early July to ensure that our families have adequate time to find uniform compliant clothing for the upcoming school year.

For the 18/19 school year, we received input and feedback from the City School Parent Council regarding the uniform policy. Some of the changes to this year's uniform policy were in response to their feedback. You can also contact the Parent Council to discuss your feedback/input so they can consider addressing it with administration for the next school year.