

UNIFORM POLICY

Responsibility for student dress rests with the parent. While on campus or at any school activity, students will be dressed and groomed in the prescribed school uniform in a manner which will not distract, interfere or disrupt the educational program. Vineland, Millville and Bridgeton Public Charter Schools desire to keep the schools and students free of the intimidation and harmful influence of gangs or any groups which advocate drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence or disruptive behavior. Therefore, the presence of any grooming which by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute denotes affiliation with or membership in such a group is strictly prohibited. All students who come to school without proper attention having been given to personal cleanliness or neatness of dress may be sent home to be properly prepared for school. Additional disciplinary action may be taken as necessary.

UNIFORM STANDARDS

Females

- Solid color Navy Blue or Khaki: jumper, pants, skirt, skort, capris, or Bermuda shorts. Bermuda shorts may be worn the first day of school until October 15th. Students may resume wearing Bermuda shorts on April 15th.
- Solid White, Light Blue or Navy Blue: blouse, or polo shirt with buttons. Long or short sleeves only!
- Solid White or Navy Blue socks (crew, ankle or knee high), tights or leggings. Must wear solid White or Navy Blue socks with leggings.
- Sweater must be solid Navy blue. **No Hoodies.**
- Dark colored securely fitting shoes. Dark or lightly colored sneakers. Sneakers are mandatory for Physical Education and Dance Classes.
- Boots are permitted but must change into shoes or sneakers once arriving in the classroom.

Males

1. Solid color Navy Blue or Khaki: Slacks, or Bermuda shorts. Bermuda shorts may be worn the first day of school until October 15th. Students may resume wearing Bermuda shorts on April 15th.
2. Solid White, Light Blue or Navy Blue: shirt, or polo shirt with buttons. Long or short sleeves only!
3. Solid White or Navy Blue socks (crew, ankle or knee high). Must wear solid White or Navy Blue socks with leggings.
4. Sweater must be solid Navy Blue. **No Hoodies.**
5. Dark colored securely fitting shoes. Dark or lightly colored sneakers are permissible. Sneakers are mandatory for Physical Education.
6. Boots are permitted but must change into shoes or sneakers once arriving in the classroom.

STANDARDS OF DRESS AND GROOMING

CONDITION: All clothes must be properly sized, neat, clean, and in good repair. Clothing which is considered unsafe or a health hazard is prohibited.

MESSAGE: Logos, pictures or writing on clothing, backpacks, jewelry, and/or school supplies **must not advocate** drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence, vandalism, disruptive behavior, disrespect, gang activity, or in any way display profanity, obscene illustrations, illegal activity or degrade any gender, cultural,

religious or ethnic values, nor promote one ethnic group over another.

UNDERGARMENTS: Undergarments must be worn and must not be visible at any time. Pajamas and slippers are prohibited.

TOPS: Shirts and tops must be long enough to cover the stomach and back at all times, yet not longer than the end of the fingertips. Attire must have sleeves that cover the shoulders. Low-cut tops are not permitted. Ripped or torn garments are not permitted.

BOTTOMS: Pants must be worn at the waistline with buttocks and undergarments covered. Shorts, skirts, etc. must extend in length to the end of the fingertips. Ripped or torn garments are not permitted.

SHOES: Footwear must be worn at all times. Heels higher than two inches and backless shoes are inappropriate. Ripped or torn shoes or sneakers are not permitted.

JEWELRY: Jewelry that may pose a safety hazard, is gang related, or that distracts from the educational process is not permitted. Visible body-piercing and adornments are allowed on the ears only. Ear gauging is not permitted.

HAIR and MAKEUP: Hair needs to be well-groomed and worn so that the eyes are visible. Excessive or distracting make-up or hair color is not permitted. Hair color must be naturally occurring color in the human genome. Other hair color such as purple, pink, green, etc., are distracting. Makeup should be in good taste and not disruptive. **HEAD WEAR:** Hats, beanies, caps, sunglasses, headbands, hair nets, and bandannas are not allowed on campus. **Hooded shirts/sweatshirts (Hoodies) of any type of not permitted.**

GANG APPAREL: Gang related apparel is not allowed. Any combination of clothing that law enforcement agencies currently consider gang related will not be allowed at school. These may change. Some current items identified as gang related include but are not limited to: wallet chains, belt buckles with punched out letters, writing on belts, shorts longer than the bottom of the kneecaps, socks pulled up to the hem of shorts, and prison-issue style clothing. Belts must not extend more than four inches past the buckle.

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS: A detailed list of appropriate wear will be provided for:

- After School Clubs
- Dances
- Dress Down Day
- Field Day
- Field Trips
- Performances
- Special Dress Day
- Spirit Wear Day