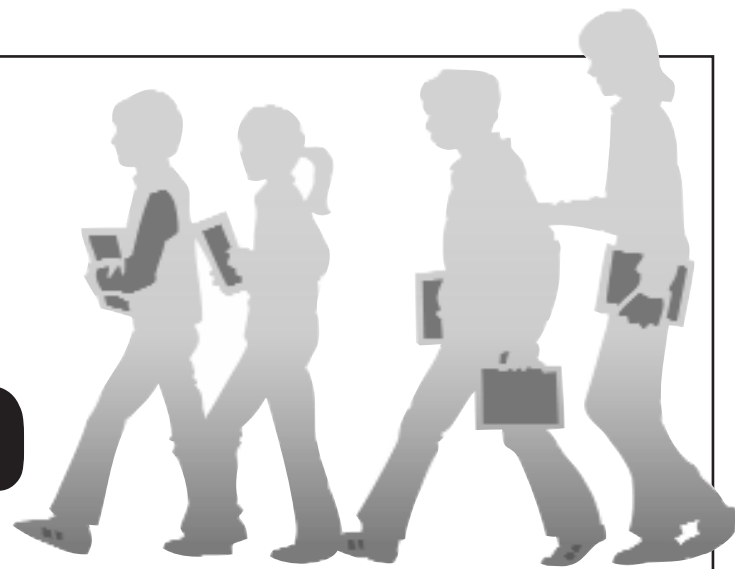


# Why Uniforms?



**How have uniforms worked in other places?** Here are the statistics from New York schools, completed after a year of school uniforms:

- Over 2/3 of the parents thought that uniforms helped improve the school's overall academic performance.
- 84% of parents thought uniforms promoted equality between boys and girls.
- 88% of parents thought that uniforms reduced boy/girl teasing.
- 89% of the schools' guidance counselors thought that uniforms taught children to be more accepting of less fortunate children.
- Over half of the counselors thought the uniform policy created a safer learning environment.

## Why would a school district mandate uniforms?

There are several reasons.

- A uniform policy discourages students from wearing gang-related colors to school.
- Uniforms promote a greater sense of pride in the school community, thereby improving student discipline.
- Students who wear uniforms seem to resist peer pressure more easily.
- Uniforms promote improved concentration on academics by reducing issues related to dress.
- When students wear uniforms, it is much easier to recognize intruders in the local building.
- Teachers devote more time to instruction and less time on dress code infractions.

**For safety purposes, students in grades K-12 are required to tuck in shirts and blouses.**

# What Happens If We Don't Participate?



## Elementary Schools Grades Pre-K – 5

- **First offense:** letter of reminder (warning) sent to the parent/guardian from the principal with the requirement that it be signed and returned the following day.
- **Second offense:** telephone call by the principal to the parent/guardian.
- **Third offense:** parent/guardian will be required to attend a conference with the principal.
- **Fourth offense:** 1 day suspension in ISS (in-school suspension). Students in non-compliance will be placed in the in-school suspension room until an appropriate uniform is obtained from home. If students are unable to obtain a uniform from home, they will remain in ISS (in-school suspension) for the remainder of the day.
- **Fifth offense:** 1-2 days (at home or in-school suspension) with the requirement that the parent/guardian return to school with the student and participate in a conference with the principal prior to the student's return to class.

## Subsequent Offenses

Any student who refuses to participate in the mandatory uniform policy beyond the fifth offense will be subject to out-of-school suspension as deemed appropriate by the JPS Student Code of Conduct.

**The JPS school administration will work diligently to refrain from suspending students from school because of non-compliance of the uniform policy. Suspension will be exercised ONLY when all other options have been exhausted.**

## Middle Schools Grades 6 – 8

- **First offense:** Parent notified by telephone and notice sent home by student.
- **Second offense:** Parent again notified by telephone.
- **Third offense:** Parent/guardian will be required to attend a conference with the principal.
- **Fourth offense:** Saturday or extended after-school detention with parent/guardian contact.
- **Fifth offense:** 1-2 days of out-of-school suspension and/or in-school suspension with the parent/guardian required to return to school with the student.

## Subsequent Offenses

Any student who refuses to participate in the mandatory uniform policy beyond the fifth offense will be subject to out-of-school suspension as deemed appropriate by the JPS Student Code of Conduct.

**Please contact your child's principal if you have a financial need related to purchase of uniforms.**