

Why a uniform dress code? Young students who are safe and secure, who learn basic values and the essentials of good citizenship, make better students. While teenagers will always find a way to express themselves, imposing boundaries can prevent them from resorting to extremes that can sometimes lead to undesirable consequences. School dress codes can be a great lesson to students, teaching them that a respectable appearance can have a positive impact on their self-esteem and self-respect.

Research shows there are six benefits of a uniform dress code:

1. Proven to increase student achievement by encouraging students to concentrate more on their schoolwork and less on their wardrobe.
2. Reduces social conflict and peer pressure that may be associated with appearance.
3. Reduces the prevalence of certain behaviors which are often expressed through wardrobe such as violence.
4. Promotes a more serious school atmosphere which emphasizes academics and promotes good behavior.
5. Improves tardiness because students spend less time worrying about what to wear to school.
6. Saves money because parents spend less money clothing.

There is a difference between uniforms and a uniform dress code. When schools choose to implement uniforms, all students are required to wear the exact same outfit. A uniform dress code still allows for choice, but outlines acceptable colors for the student to choose from.

Students would be given "free choice days", similar to our current dress code policy throughout the school year. We will also offer free choice days if students will donate any clothing they have outgrown. These donations will allow us to house a clothing closet for any student who is in need of clothes for school. We will also be able to use choice days as incentives for students.

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**WJMS  
Panther Pride**

2012-2013  
Dress Code Proposal



\*\$6.00-\$11.00



\*\$8.00-\$23.00



\*\$10.00-\$22.00



\*\$8.00-\$17.00



**Boys::**

Short or Long Sleeve Polo  
(White, Navy, Gray, Red, or Black)

Pants or Shorts  
Flat-Front/Pleated  
(Khaki, Black, or Navy)



\*\$8.00-\$13.00



\*\$9.00-\$13.00



\*\$10.00-\$25.00



\*\$8.00-\$19.00

**girls:**

Short or Long Sleeve Polo  
(White, Navy, Gray, Red, or Black)

Pants, Shorts, Capris, or Skirts  
Flat-Front/Pleated  
(Khaki, Black, or Navy)

\*Pricing is approximate based on  
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Academy.com

Wal-Mart.com offers these items in  
bundle packages as well as individual  
selections.