

## Central Community School System Uniform and Dress Code for Elementary Schools

### Elementary Schools

The standard uniform includes the following:

- 1) Shirts
  - a. Shirts will be maroon in color. Shirts will have a collar and short/long sleeves. Shirts will be plain, with no pockets, writing, emblems, or designs of any kind except a standard school logo. The Powercat logo, as displayed, is optional. The logo will consist of white, three-quarter inch block letters, monogrammed on the left side with the Powercat logo. No other logos will be used. White, maroon, gray or black short sleeve T-Shirts may be worn underneath the uniform shirts and will not extend past sleeve length. In cold weather, maroon long sleeve shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt.
  - b. Shirts will be tucked in and must be long enough to stay tucked when the arms are raised above the head. The style will be pullover with two, three, or four buttons at the top. Shirts will not be excessively worn or frayed and will not have holes or cuts.
- 2) Slacks/Skirts
  - a. Slacks and skirts will be khaki in color and of the specified shade. The shade is khaki. The lighter stone color is not acceptable. The darker chocolate brown color and the dark green color are also not acceptable. They will not be rolled at either the waist or cuffs.
  - b. Slacks are uniform. There should be no designer labels on slacks. Slacks with belt loops will be worn with a belt. Belt buckles shall be no larger than 1 ½ inches square. Elastic waist pants are acceptable. “Cargo” style pants are not acceptable. Slacks will have finished bottoms. Cuffs are acceptable. They will not be flared or bell-bottoms. Holes, cuts, or frayed edges are prohibited. Slacks must be worn at the waist as designed. No jeans, bike shorts, stretch pants, or sweatpants will be worn. Capri pants may be worn and should be khaki in color.
  - c. Shorts/Skorts/Skirts/Jumpers may be worn by female students and must be no greater than two inches above the knee. Jumpers should be khaki in color. A uniform shirt should be worn underneath the jumper.
  - d. Corduroy fabric is not allowed. Corduroy is a cotton pile fabric with vertical ribs or wales.
- 3) Shoes
  - a. Shoes with closed toe and closed heel are required. Loafers, oxfords, and athletic style shoes are acceptable. Socks will be worn. Boots may be worn with slacks, provided the slacks are worn over the boots. Pants may be cut one inch from the bottom. They must be hemmed. Slacks will not be tucked into the boots.
  - b. Sandals, flip-flops, house shoes, and similar type shoes are not acceptable. Shoes with heels two inches or higher or excessively-raised soles are not acceptable for safety reasons.
  - c. Socks will be worn. Sock colors are white, black, khaki, brown, or maroon. Female students may substitute closed toe stockings or leggings with socks, with the same color restrictions as socks.
  - d. Roller skate shoes are prohibited.
  - e. No leggings are permitted.
  - f. Shoes that light up are not permitted.
- 4) Over Garments
  - a. Only solid colored maroon, black, or gray sweatshirts, windbreakers, jackets, pullovers will be allowed. Sweatshirts may have hoods, but the hoods cannot be worn in the building and will be the only over garments allowed over the uniform shirt. Only Central logos are permitted on these items (Pre-k -5<sup>th</sup> grade).

- b. If a heavy jacket is worn to school during very cold weather, a student must remove the coat once inside the building. Trench coats will not be worn. The uniform shirt must be worn under any cold weather over-garment. Maroon long sleeve shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt. On special occasions, approved school organizations will be allowed to wear school approved non-uniform shirts. These occasions will be approved by the principal or his/her designee. The remainder of the uniform policy and dress code would remain in effect for these days. For example, shirts would continue to be tucked in, and ID cards, where applicable, worn even though the shirt would be non-uniform.
- 5) Dress Code
- a. Caps, hats, or head coverings are NOT to be worn inside the school building. **DO NOT BRING CAPS OR HATS ON CAMPUS DURING SCHOOL TIME.** Hooded maroon sweatshirts may be worn, but hoods may not be worn inside the building.
  - b. Male students are not to wear earrings, straws, or Band Aids to preserve the pierced hole. Girls are allowed to wear two pairs of earrings. Earrings cannot be greater than one inch in diameter. Hanging earrings cannot be wider than one inch in diameter or extend more than one inch from the ear lobe. Body piercing and tongue rings are NOT allowed. Only simple jewelry may be worn.
  - c. Girls may wear headbands, ribbons, or bows.
  - d. Choker elastic accessories are prohibited.
  - e. Rollers, curlers, picks, rakes, forks, or combs in hair are prohibited.
  - f. Unnatural cutting or coloring of hair is prohibited (Mohawks, symbols, designs, etc.) Student's hair must not hang below the eyebrow.
  - g. Sunglasses are not to be worn on school grounds unless prescribed for medical purposes and verified with a doctor's note. The note must be presented to an administrator for approval.
  - h. Pictures or writing on booksacks, gym bags, jackets, etc. of an offensive derogatory, or obscene nature are prohibited at school (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, blood, skulls, etc.).
  - i. Grills and fake teeth are not allowed.
  - j. Sports headbands and sweatbands are not allowed.
  - k. Visible tattoos are not allowed.
  - l. Student must wear appropriate size pants and shirts to school.
  - m. No form fitting shirts.
- 6) Additionally, in accordance with LA R.S. 17:416(J)(1), a student enrolled in grades pre-kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade shall not be suspended or expelled from school, or suspended from riding on any school bus solely for a uniform violation that is not tied to willful disregard of school policies by the child. Thus, FC case managers should consider any such actions by a school as grounds for advocating for the child's return to the school and consult with the child's assigned attorney for support in advocating for the child's rights to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

***IN THE OPINION OF THE ADMINISTRATION, STUDENTS WHOSE CLOTHING OR GROOMING IS INAPPROPRIATE WILL BE SENT HOME TO MAKE THE PROPER ADJUSTMENT. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL BE GIVEN WHEN STUDENTS ARE SENT HOME TO TAKE CARE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED POLICIES. STUDENTS WHO VIOLATE SET DRESS AND GROOMING POLICIES SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (TIME-OUT ROOM, AND/OR SATURDAY SCHOOL). A STUDENT ENROLLED IN GRADES PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIVE SHALL NOT BE SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL OR SUSPENDED FROM RIDING ON ANY SCHOOL BUS FOR A UNIFORM VIOLATION THAT IS NOT TIED TO WILLFUL DISREGARD OF SCHOOL POLICIES.***