


Effective Date: 7/9/02	500-10 Uniform Dress Code Policy
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The Duluth Edison Charter Schools has adopted a daily uniform dress code for all students. Clothing selections may be handmade or purchased at the merchant of your choice.

Clothing should be selected according to the following criteria:

UNIFORM TOPS		
Style	Color	Example
PLAIN Knit Polo with collar	White Navy Blue Primary Red	
PLAIN Knit Turtleneck or Mock Turtleneck		
PLAIN Knit Sweater - Crewneck, Cardigan or Vest		
PLAIN Polar Fleece – Zippered Vest or Sweatshirt		
*Tops may include plain button down white, red, or navy shirts/blouses.		
*Tops may include the Duluth Edison Charter School logos. (optional)		
*Tops may be worn tucked or untucked; length not to exceed wrists when arms held at side.		
*Tops will be free from hoods, logos, tears, defacing, writing, embellishments or trim.		
*Tops will be worn right side out.		
*Tops may be short or long sleeve		
*Undershirts, Tanks, Camis will follow uniform colors and not peek out from bottom of top.		

UNIFORM BOTTOMS	
Style	Color
PLAIN Twill or Corduroy Dress Pant	Navy Blue Khaki (Dark Tan)
PLAIN Twill or Corduroy Shorts	
PLAIN Twill or Knit Skirt, Skort or Jumper	
PLAIN Twill Capri Pant	
*Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Jumpers will be at least fingertip length when hands held at side	

*Shorts, Skirts, Skorts and Jumpers may be of a cotton twill or knit fabrication
*Bottoms will NOT be of a denim fabrication.
*Pants will NOT be of a knit style. Examples are: yoga pants, sweatpants
*Bottoms will be free from logos, tears, defacing, writing, embellishments or trim.
*Bottoms will be worn right side out, at the waist.

OUTERWEAR, FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES	
Student Choice	NOT ALLOWED
School appropriate shoes	Bandannas
Socks	Visors
Tights/ leggings under uniform	Sunglasses
Coats, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves	Wallet Chains
Hair Accessories (barrettes, ponytail clip)	Earbuds
*Outerwear may NOT be worn in the classroom at any time	
*Hats may NOT be worn in the classroom at any time	
*Other accessories are left to the discretion of the Head of School, Academy Director, Principal, or Dean of Students.	

All students wear uniforms daily. “Free Dress” Days (non-uniform days) will occur at the discretion of the Head of Schools/Principal/Academy Director and may vary from building to building. “Free Dress” days allow students to wear other clothing within the following framework:

FREE DRESS DAYS
*Bottoms must be worn at the waist.
*Clothing should cover belly buttons, cleavage and other body parts.
*Shorts/Skirts/Dresses are at least fingertip length when hands held at side.
*Shoulder straps on tank tops or dresses will be a minimum of two finger widths wide.
Students MAY wear sweatshirts with hoods
*Clothing that someone else may find offensive may NOT be worn. Examples: references to sex, alcohol, drugs or violence Examples: racist or sexist statements or graphics

ORGANIZATION/ATHLETIC UNIFORMS

DECS extra curricular activities will be allowed to wear their uniform top on competition days. If it is on the weekend they can wear the uniform the previous school day.

Uniforms by extra curricular organizations outside of DECS may be approved to wear by the Head of Schools, Principal, Academy Director, or Dean of Students.

EXEMPTIONS

Any family wishing to be granted an exemption for the above listed “Uniform Dress Code Policy” including making substitutions as well as non-compliance, must sign a Uniform Exemption Waiver Form. Exemptions will be very limited and generally granted for verified religious or cultural reasons. The parent/guardian of the student(s) involved must present a reasonable alternative for dress to the school administration. A meeting before the first day of school must occur with the Head of School or his/her designee seeking this exemption.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICY CHANGES

Recommendations may be directed to the Head of School to be passed on to the DPSA Board at quarterly review time.

ENFORCEMENT/CONSEQUENCES

The Dean of Students will be ultimately responsible for enforcement.

Classroom teachers and/or Academy Director, Principal, or Dean of Students will ask students in violation to call home for a change of clothes. If no one is home, students will need to remain in the office/ISS until a uniform is found.

No warnings will be given.

Repeated violations will require a parent, student and school staff conference.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A uniform purchase program for families with financial need will be made available to families in July of each year.

PREREQUISITES FOR ASSISTANCE

- Completed financial assistance application form
- School will provide one uniform per qualifying student in an academic year.
- Additional assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Requests for assistance will be handled as quickly as possible, but a time frame of at least TWO weeks is required.
- Clothing items may not necessarily be new, but will be good quality.