

Phoenix Academy of Arts and Science Uniform Guidelines

Uniform Top Colors: ANY solid color.

Uniform Bottom Colors: Black, Navy Blue, & Khaki/Tan. **Solid colors only**, no patterns, graphics, appliques, or other logos other than the official school logo. All uniform items must be sized appropriately and in good condition.

"If a simple change in attire can positively influence more than 30 percent or even 25 percent of a school's student population, then perhaps administrators, teachers, students, and community members find it worth the effort. Essentially, students reported positive impacts by simply changing the clothes they wore to school, and comparatively, there wasn't much of a downside." (Sanchez, J. 2012)

At Phoenix Academy, we believe in research-supported decision making. Phoenix Academy will employ a school uniform policy that is reasonable and flexible enough to allow for student individuality while maintaining the research-backed benefits of student uniforms.

Rationale - School uniforms have some distinctbenefits including:

- Uniforms help foster community identity and school spirit
- Uniforms address the issue of students using clothing as a status symbol
- Uniforms foster a more business-like approach to academics.
- Uniforms allow trespassers on the school grounds to be easily identified

"After implementing school uniform policies, schools often report decreases in discipline, gang involvement and bullying; and increases in safety, ease of going to school, confidence and self-esteem." (Wharton, C. 2013)

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	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
Shirts	 Long Sleeve or short sleeve polo shirts Long sleeve uniform colorundershirt Fridays only: Free Dress Day 	Any logos, appliques, or graphics other than our official school logo
Sweaters/ Sweatshirts	V-neck, crew neck, or cardiganMust have polo shirt under with collar visible	HoodiesAny logos, appliques, or graphics other than our official school logo
Pants	Dockers-style or Cargo	Yoga pants, athletic pants, sweatpants Denim or black jeans
Shorts Skirts Skorts Capris	 Dockers-style or Cargo Skirts must have built-in shorts or be worn with shorts/leggings in uniform colors 3" above the knee or longer 	Boxer shorts Bike/Lycra/Spandex shorts or leggings worn without a dress, jumper or skirt
Dresses Jumpers	 Long or short sleeved polo dress Jumper on Navy, Black or Khaki/Tan worn with a polo style shirt underneath Leggings, tights or shorts in uniform colors must be worn underneath. 3" above the knee or longer 	Any logos, appliques, or graphics other than our official school logo
Belts	•Solid brown or solid uniform colors	Oversized buckles Buckles with graphics/logos
Shoes	 Any color dress or athletic shoe orboot Closed Toe and Heel Non-slip sole preferred for safety. 	 Heels over 1" Wheels Slippers, sandals, beach shoes, or clogs
Accessories	 Small stud earrings, one small bracelet, one small necklace, watch Uniform color headbands, barrettes, binders, etc. 	 Hoops, dangly earrings Oversized flowers, bows, etc. Hats, scarves, bandanas, Sunglasses