

Dear Parents:

As many of our parents and students already know, Pine Middle School requires all students to wear school uniforms.

Why are students required to wear school uniforms?

In reviewing research on school uniforms and looking at our own data, we feel the move will improve the climate of our school and reduce incidences of behaviors related to dress, such as gang involvement, bullying and inappropriate sexual behavior. We also believe this will help our students resist peer pressure, concentrate on their studies, lower clothing costs for families, and help us quickly recognize non-students on campus.

What does the uniform consist of?

- Students will be required to wear khaki or black colored pants. Knee length shorts, skirts, skorts or capris in the same colors are acceptable as well. All must be sized to fit about the waist and pants must extend to the top of the shoe. They must be free of holes and slits and can not be pegged at the bottom. Shorts, skirts, skorts and capris must be minimum fingertip length and hemmed.
- A black or white short/long sleeved polo shirt will be required. Shirts must be sized to fit and tucked in. No oversized shirts will be allowed.
- All clothing with the exception of school purchased clothing must be free of slogans, logos, insignias, brand names, trademarks, messages, gang insignias, wording, pictures, studs, jewels and chains. Contrasting colors must be worn. No black pants with black shirts will be allowed.
- Sweaters, non-hooded sweatshirts and vests may be worn over the polo shirt. These must be solid colored white, khaki or black. The collars of the polo shirt must be clearly visible and worn on the outside of the sweater, sweatshirt or vest.
- Jackets/coats, mittens/gloves, caps/hats and scarves must be removed in the building and stored in your lockers prior to entering classrooms and office buildings.
- Solid white or black tee shirts may be worn underneath the polo shirt. Students also have the option to wear Pine Middle School team shirts or sweatshirts earned or purchased through a school activity, sport or club on Friday's only.
- If a belt is worn, the belt and belt buckle must adhere to the above restrictions regarding logos, brand names, etc. and must be black, khaki or white in color. The tail of the belt may not extend more than three inches from the buckle.
- Shoe choices will remain the discretion of students and their parents; however, the WCSD dress code guidelines remain intact. Shoes with soles must be worn. All shoes requiring shoelaces must be laced and tied appropriately. Only black and white shoelaces will be allowed. No solid red or blue shoes will be allowed.
- If socks are worn, they must be black, khaki or white in color.

- Accessories such as jewelry and make-up will still be allowed, again in accordance with WCSD dress code policy. However, no colored wristbands, neckbands, bandanas, head bands, or “doo” rags are allowed.

Where can the uniform be purchased, and how much will it cost?

- The purchase location of khaki or black colored, pants and shorts will be left to the discretion of students and their parents or guardians. There are many reasonably priced options at stores such as Old Navy, Wal-Mart, Target, and JC Penny and where other schools purchase school uniforms. If you are making a purchase through Lands End, the Pine Preferred School number is: 900132812.

Will there be financial assistance available for students who cannot afford to buy their own uniform?

- Yes, there will be assistance for students who are in need. If you are in need of assistance with the cost of the uniform, please contact the counseling office or Mr. Boudreau at 689-2550. In future years, uniforms of students moving on may also be donated and “recycled” for students.

Students in violation of the uniform policy will be referred to the Dean of Students' Office for disciplinary action. All violations will be documented in the student's disciplinary file and parents will be notified. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken with habitual offenders, as it becomes an issue of insubordination.

I would like to thank all of the parents, students, and staff who took time to provide input and helped us develop Pine Middle School’s uniform policy.

If you have any questions regarding the uniform policy please contact the school at 689-2550.

Sincerely,

Brad Boudreau
Principal