

# UNIFORM POLICY

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Students are expected to dress for school and school activities in a way that contributes to their health and safety, promotes a positive school learning environment and does not disrupt the events and activities of the school. The Board finds that school uniforms are necessary for the safety and welfare of students and school personnel. Uniforms promote an environment that enhances learning and safety; encourages the expression of individuality through personality and achievements, not outward appearances; and creates a sense of school pride and belonging. All students in kindergarten through grade 8 are required to wear a school uniform at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity during the school day.

## **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

### **POLO SHIRT COLORS**

All polo shirts **MUST** have an Imagine Schools' logo embroidered on their shirts. Colors for polo shirts include: light blue, navy blue, pale/light pink, light yellow, maroon, hunter green, purple, and white. Polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.

### **BOTTOMS: SHORTS & PANTS**

Students in elementary school can wear navy or khaki. No denim or cargo pants. All students are required to wear straight cut, full length uniform pants. Faded pants are not permitted. Pants must be worn at waist level. Loosely worn and lowly worn pants are not acceptable. Inappropriately rolling or altering the pants in any way is in direct violation of the dress code. Shorts should reach mid-thigh or lower (fingertip length). Pants and shorts may not have cargo pockets, unusual tailoring and/or labels, may not be manufactured from jean material, and must be fitted to the student correctly. Leggings or jeggings are NOT considered uniform bottoms.

**GIRLS ONLY:** In addition to the above, girls **may** also wear skorts in navy and khaki only. For elementary aged students, jumpers may be worn in navy and khaki. Polo style dresses with the school logo and approved polo color can be worn as well.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**POLO SHIRT COLORS:** All polo shirts **MUST** have an Imagine Schools' logo embroidered on their shirts. Colors for polo shirts include: light blue, black, navy blue, light pink, light yellow, maroon, hunter green, purple, and white. Polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.

### **BOTTOMS: SHORTS, PANTS, & SKORTS**

Students in middle school can wear navy, khaki, or black. No denim or cargo pants. All students are required to wear straight cut, full length uniform pants. Faded pants are not permitted. Pants must be worn at waist level. Loosely worn and lowly worn pants are not acceptable. Inappropriately rolling or altering the pants in any way is in direct violation of the dress code. Shorts should reach mid-thigh or lower (fingertip length). Pants and shorts may not have cargo pockets, unusual tailoring and/or labels, may not be manufactured from jean material, and must be fitted to the student correctly. Leggings or jeggings are NOT considered uniform bottoms.

## **ALL STUDENTS**

**SPIRIT SHIRTS:** Friday is a designated Spirit Day and students may wear a school spirit shirt with uniform bottoms. If the week does not end on a Friday, the last day of the week is a Spirit Day. Spirit shirts **DO NOT** have to be tucked in. Spirit shirts include school athletic shirts.

**BELTS:** Belts must be worn at all times with pants or shorts. Belts should be uniform appropriate and must be worn with all bottoms that have belt loops. Belts must be fastened securely at waist level.

**SOCKS:** Socks must be matching and not display anything political or offensive in nature. Socks must be below the knee.

**PE UNIFORM:** The PE uniform is a grey PE shirt with school logo and maroon nylon or mesh shorts. The PE uniform cannot be mixed and matched with the regular school uniform. On cold days, navy or grey sweatpants may be worn. PE uniforms do not have to be tucked in. Middle school students can wear their PE uniform on Monday & Wednesday (even if they do not have PE during the current semester). Elementary students can wear their PE

uniform during the week they have PE. The PE teacher will determine the mandatory day to wear the PE uniform; however, students can wear it for the entire week they have PE if they choose.

**LEGGINGS:** Leggings may only be worn under shorts, skirts, or PE uniform shorts and can only be **navy** or **black**. They are not considered a uniform bottom.

**SHOES:** Shoes must be closed heel and closed toe. No high heels or crocs. Laces must be tied and boots that have zippers or laces must be properly fastened. Athletic shoes are required on PE days. Footwear must be worn at all times. Parents should ensure that the footwear their student wears to school does not impede their safety. Crocs are not an approved shoe.

**BACKPACKS:** May be any color or design, with the exception of anything that depicts violence, and should be appropriate for school.

**LUNCH BOXES:** Lunch boxes may be any design as long as it is appropriate for school, and has no violence depicted on it.

**COLD WEATHER ATTIRE:** Students may wear the Imagine South Vero approved outerwear. Jeans for cold weather can be worn at the admin's discretion and will be communicated to families via Facebook and the Remind app. Hats are only permitted during recess or PE. Students may wear navy or grey sweatpants during cold weather. A polo shirt must be worn under all outerwear, with the collar visible. Coats and jackets are considered as outerwear and can be worn to school, but may not be worn inside the building. Outerwear that has the school logo may be purchased from our approved uniform vendor and may be worn in class. During cooler weather, white, navy, or grey long sleeved t-shirts may be worn underneath polo shirts. Hooded sweatshirts are also available for purchase at local uniform retailers.

**JEWELRY:** Facial piercings are NOT permitted in school.

**HAIR & OTHER ITEMS:** Hair must be neat and clean with no "unnatural" colors, i.e. bright green, pink, blue, orange, etc. No hats or bandanas may be worn unless on an approved dress up/down day.

**JEANS DAY ATTIRE** (on designated days ONLY)

- Blue Jeans only (no other color)
- Blue jean shorts or skirts are permitted (must be uniform length)
- No rips or holes

**\*\*At no time are students permitted to wear anything offensive, immodest, or deemed inappropriate by the administration.**

**CAMPUS EXTRACURRICULAR OR SPORTS ACTIVITY :** (on designated days, if applicable): Clothing normally worn when participating in a school sponsored extracurricular or sports activity may be worn to school when approved by the principal. Examples would be clubs, team shirts, sport jersey, etc.

**INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS:** Any attire, including backpacks, water bottles or other personal items displaying gang related paraphernalia or symbols, profanity or any inappropriate logos or displays (including political statements or candidates), as determined by Administration, are not allowed on campus or at offsite official Imagine South Vero events. Clothing, jewelry, buttons, haircuts, or other items or markings which are suggestive, revealing, or indecent, associated with gangs or cults, the use of drugs, alcohol, or violence, or support discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, linguistic differences, marital status, national origin, race, religion, socioeconomic background, sexual orientation, physical appearance, or on any other basis are not allowed on campus or at offsite official Imagine South Vero event. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury including, but not limited to: items with spikes or sharp objects, wallet chains, and heavy link chains are **not allowed** on campus or at offsite official Imagine South Vero events. Unusual, extreme and drastic hair styles. Hair may be dyed natural colors only. The administration, at its discretion, will send students home whose hair is unacceptable in color, condition or length and their decision is FINAL. Any violation of the above items will result in a referral to the administration and may also result in disciplinary action.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The Principal may allow for an exception from the school uniform policy on a case-by-case basis for disability, medical condition or sincerely held religious belief. A parent must request this reasonable accommodation to address the student's disability or medical condition or the wearing of clothing in compliance with the uniform dress code violates a student's sincerely held religious belief. Such students and the student's parents shall submit a signed affidavit setting forth the religious issues and the requested exemption to the policy. Such requests shall be provided in writing and submitted to the principal for approval.

**UNIFORM VIOLATIONS AND DISCIPLINE:** The Principal or designee has the authority to decide if clothing complies with Board policy. If the Principal determines that a student's clothing does not comply with Board policy, a parent/guardian may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes to school, or the student may be asked to leave an after-school activity. The student may also receive a disciplinary consequence for violating the school's dress code policy. Repeated violations may result in progressively more serious consequences.