



UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE POLICY

HARMONY SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT

2011-2012

HARMONY SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT has a uniform to help create a safe and orderly environment, instill discipline, and eliminate competition and distractions caused by varied dress styles. You will be expected to arrive in dress code every day. Please cooperate, display modesty and neatness, and take pride in these clean, neat and attractive uniforms. We rely on your common sense and your parents' and/or guardians' support in helping maintain this dress code. Most of the uniform items can be purchased from the school and/or from the companies suggested by the school.

PLEASE NOTE ...

If you arrive at school out of uniform, your parents will be called. You will be kept out of classes until you are dressed appropriately and all class time you miss will count as an unexcused absence.

This dress code is an institutional practice that is deemed reasonable and enforceable. The staff reserves the right to determine and restrict certain styles. If a student is dressed or groomed inappropriately, parents will be called to bring a change of clothes. Violations of the dress guidelines will result in incremental disciplinary action.

UNIFORM HIGH SCHOOL



Uniform top for high school

(both girls and boys) – will be sold at school

GIRLS:

Uniform Top

- Dark blue shirts with short sleeves for high school students (will be sold at school).
- Long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniform shirt (navy blue, red black, and white only; no hoods).
- Properly fitting navy blue, red, black or white sweater (only cardigan sweaters, no monogrammed sports pull over. Knitted sweaters that open downward the full length of the front, button or zipper are OK).





Uniform Pants

- Properly fitting (not skin tight) full length khaki pants.
- No skirts, skorts or shorts are allowed
- No jeans except when given explicit permission.

Footwear

- **Socks:** White, navy, blue or black (must be worn at all times).
- **Shoes:** Dark-colored lace-up shoes or loafers (closed toe, closed heel), athletic shoes.
- No sandals, flip flops or mules
- All shoes should have backs or secure straps on back of shoe for safety and always remain tied.

BOYS:

Uniform Top

- Dark blue shirts with short sleeves for high school students (will be sold at school)
- Long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniform shirt (No hoods)
- Properly fitting Navy blue, Red, Black or white sweater (only cardigan sweaters, no monogrammed sports pull over. Knitted sweaters that open downward the full length of the front, button or zipper are OK).

Uniform Pants

- Properly fitting (not skin tight) full length khaki pants.
- Black or dark blue belt: it must be worn at all times, and it should be properly fitting
- No jeans except when given explicit permission

Footwear

- **Socks:** White, navy, blue or black (must be worn at all times).
- **Shoes:** Dark-colored lace-up shoes or loafers (closed toe, closed heel), athletic shoes
- No sandals, flip flops or mules
- All shoes should have backs or secure straps on back of shoe for safety and always remain tied.

P.E. UNIFORM POLICY

Students should wear a gray t-shirt (no sleeveless/tank tops) and grey shorts (shorts must be the knee level) or gray sweatpants. PE uniforms may be purchased from retail stores.

**Note - No spandex or tight fitting t-shirts/shorts/sweatpants will be allowed.





ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

In addition to making sure you are wearing the school uniform, HARMONY SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT requires that you follow these additional guidelines in terms of personal appearance. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. HARMONY SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the administration's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations. The uniform policy is intended to promote a more effective learning climate; foster school unity and pride; improve student performance; foster self-esteem; eliminate label competition; simplify dressing and minimize costs to parents; teach children appropriate dress and decorum in their "work" place; and help to improve student conduct and discipline.

The dress code listed below will encourage young people to maintain good standards of dress as well as allow for comfort, safety, and personal preference in their dress. Coats are not to be worn inside classroom and hallways and they must be stored in lockers.

Uniform Top:

- Shirt is in good condition. Free from holes and tears.
- Shirts must be long enough to tuck in and stay tucked in all day. Shirt will remain tucked in at all times before, during and after school, whenever on school campus.
- Shirts are properly tucked in so belt is visible all the way around.
- Shirt collars and sleeves must remain down.

Pants:

- a) Must fit properly
 - May not be baggy.
 - May not sag.
 - May not have a low waist.
- b) Not permitted
 - No pants, shorts, or skirts that are anatomically revealing.
 - No jackets, sweatshirts, or sweaters will be worn around the waist.
 - Shorts & skirts shorter than kneecap level.
 - No cargo style
 - No capri style
 - No pedal pushers

Footwear:

- a) Not permitted
 - *no sandals*
 - *no flip-flops*
 - no open toe/ heel
 - no roller shoes





For safety: all shoes must be strapped and or tied. All shoes must have closed toe & heel. Remember when purchasing garment to allow for "growth spurts."

ALL GARMENTS MUST COMPLY WITH HARMONY SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT GUIDELINES AT ALL TIMES!

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- I. HARMONY SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene; advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other prohibited substance.
- II. Jewelry must be gender appropriate and simple. Jewelry and accessories should be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention.
- III. Hair must be neatly groomed at all times. It should be worn in a manner that is not a distraction to the student or others around him/her (this includes Mohawks or any other extreme haircuts).
- IV. PE uniforms are permitted only in PE class. (Students may arrive in PE uniform **ONLY** if 1st period is PE class.)
- V. Coats, jackets, and items not meeting dress code must be stored in lockers. They are not to be worn inside classroom or hallways.
- VI. **Dress Code on Free Dress Days:** All dress code rules apply to free dress days also with the exception of not wearing school uniforms. Garments will be free of holes, tears, inappropriate language, logos, messages or advertising. No sleeveless, skintight, bicycle legging, short dresses and skirts. No low cut, midriff, backless blouses. Parents will be called to pick up a child if students violate the dress code.

GROOMING:

NO FACIAL HAIR (beards, mustaches, or goatees). Sideburns may be to the tip of the ear lobe. Boys will come to school clean-shaven each day.

NOT PERMITTED: any display of body piercing or clip-on jewelry (**EARRINGS, NOSE RINGS, ETC.**)

All female students: **NO HOOP EARRINGS** of any kind. Post earrings **ONLY**. Make-up and nail polish must be tasteful, not calling attention to themselves.

ALL STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE:

Tattoos; body piercing; body writings; sunglasses; pajamas; wallets with long chain; hats; caps; bandannas; and other headgear.

School uniforms can ONLY be purchased from Harmony Schools.

HARMONY SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST: School shirt - \$18.00

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call 713-983-8668.

