

**IPS Revised Uniform Policy for the 2020 School Year.  
9-29-2020**

**1. Rationale: Why change the uniform policy for the 2020-2021 school year?**

- a. To eliminate barriers of students attending school, while providing families with the most cost effective options to meet the district dress code policy.
- b. To ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the first day of school.
- c. Provide a laser focus on instruction and not attire

**2. Description of the Policy**

- a. Current [IPS Uniform Policy](#) is in effect except where otherwise noted below.
- b. **DRESS CODE: School Board Policy 5511**
  - i. Any necessary modifications for individual students (e.g., health concerns, religious, etc.) to the IPS Uniform Dress Code must be formally addressed and approved through the Board Waiver process. To obtain a waiver form please visit the district website at [www.myips.org](http://www.myips.org) (under Families and then Uniforms).

<b>Clothing Item</b>	<b>Current Policy</b>	<b>Recommended Change for 20-21</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<i>NEW:</i> Headphones and earbuds	None	Headphones and earbuds may only be worn when directed by school staff.	With the transition to 1:1, it's important to not add additional distractions to the school dress code.
Shirts	Shirts must be a solid color and must be collared and button up (e.g., a polo shirt) Straight, button-down collar, turtleneck or mock turtleneck	Permit any solid colored shirt, even if it is not collared and/or a button up or mock t-shirt. .	This allows for solid colored t-shirts which are available at low cost as an additional option.
Sweatshirts	Hooded items must bear the official school logo and are subject to district guidelines regarding headwear being worn inside the building	Sweatshirts or jackets that do not bear the school logo are permitted. They are permitted to be any solid color.  Logos on jacket on sweatshirts may not exceed 1.5".	Purchasing sweatshirts with the school logo can create an additional cost burden on families. We have removed this burden for the 20-21 school year while still requiring solid

		<p>Hoods are still subject to district guidelines regarding headwear being worn inside the building. Hoods must be down at all times on school property.</p>	<p>colored hoodies and/or sweatshirts.</p>
<p>Pants/ Shorts/ Skirts/ Capri Pant/ Walking-Length Shorts</p>	<p>Solid colors: khaki, black or navy blue (no denim/blue jeans allowed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pleated or flat-front</li> <li>● Fastened at the waist</li> <li>● Must be worn with a belt and set above the hip (grade 3 and above)</li> </ul> <p>“Walking”-length shorts limited to 2” above the knee ● Solid navy blue or black shorts may be worn under skirts, provided they do not show</p>	<p>Any solid-colored pant is acceptable (no denim/ jeans allowed)</p> <p>They still must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pleated or flat-front</li> <li>● Fastened at the waist</li> <li>● Worn above the hip with shirts tucked in.</li> </ul> <p>Belts are not required at any grade.</p> <p>Pants must be worn so that no undergarments are showing.</p> <p>Leggings and yoga pants are still not permitted.</p> <p>Ripped or torn pants are not permitted.</p> <p>Skirt/Skort/Jumper is permissible except for jean skirts/skort/overalls/ jumpers. Items must come to the fingertips when arms are down by the side</p>	<p>Adding any solid color bottoms in addition to khaki, black and navy blue will offer families more flexibility.</p>

Shoes	Shoes must be closed toe. Shoes must have a closed heel or strap heel.	No change. Shoes still must be closed toe and have a closed heel or strap heel.	
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