

MABRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY GUIDELINES

Mabry Elementary School has adopted a mandatory school uniform policy for all our students.

The uniform policy, which began in the 1998-1999 school year, was instituted based on research that has shown improvement in discipline, time on task, decrease in tardiness, and overall improvement in respect for oneself and others. It also has served as a safety measure in quickly identifying a Mabry student.

The mandatory student uniform consists of the following:

- ✓ Solid white, red or navy top with a collar. (Knit pullover shirt, blouse, and button-up shirt or turtleneck shirt)
- ✓ Solid navy or khaki bottom. (Shorts, long pants, skirt, jumper, or sweatpants.)
- ✓ No athletic shorts. All shorts should be fingertip length or longer. (No butterfly shorts or Lululemon)
- ✓ Students are permitted to wear a school-sponsored T-shirt on Fridays or specially designated days (i.e. field trips).
- ✓ Shoes shall be worn and be secured fastened to the feet and have a low heel height. Footwear must be suitable for outdoor physical education classes and unsafe shoes such as “skate tennis shoes” and “Crocs” are not allowed.
- ✓ Leggings are permitted in school colors only.

Exceptions to the dress code shall be permitted when:

- ✓ A student wears a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as Boy Scouts, on regular meeting days.
- ✓ A student wears a costume or special clothing necessary for a school play or other school-sponsored activity as permitted by the principal.
- ✓ The wearing of clothing in compliance with the uniform policy violates a student's sincerely held religious belief.
- ✓ A student's parent or guardian has secured permission from the principal due to unusual circumstances.

Compliance Measures

The school will use positive reinforcement measures to encourage full compliance with the uniform policy.

Financial Hardships

No student shall be denied attendance at school nor otherwise penalized for failure to wear clothing that complies with the uniform policy if such failure is due to financial hardship. An application procedure has been established to assist families in need.