

# Governing Board Policy

## Putnam Academy of Arts and Sciences

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### 5511 – School Uniforms

Students are expected to dress for school and school activities in a manner that contributes to their health and safety, that promotes a positive school learning environment, and that does not disrupt the events and activities of the school.

The Governing 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; that encourages the expression of individuality through personality and achievements, not outward appearances; and that creates a sense of school pride and belonging.

All students are required to wear a school uniform at all times while attending school or any school-sponsored activity.

#### Basic Uniforms

##### Bottoms:

- Khaki or black pants
- Khaki or black denim
- Khaki or black knee-length shorts
- Khaki or black knee-length skirts, jumpers, or skorts
- Pants, shorts, skirts, etc. must be worn at the waist, must be solid color, and must be free of holes/worn spots.

##### Tops:

- Dark (forest) green, tan, white, or black polo-type shirt (short or long sleeves) with buttons and collar
- Uniform shirt and collar must be visible; no shirts may be worn over the uniform shirt.
- Official school t-shirts may be worn on Fridays and field trip days.

##### Jackets and Sweaters:

- Dark green, tan, or black sweaters
- Dark green or black hoodies (zip up kind only; no pull-overs)

##### Shoes:

- Athletic or leather shoes with closed toes and flat, closed heels

- Bedroom shoes, platforms, sandals, flip flops, crocs, and jellies are not permitted!

Headwear:

- Hats, caps, and toboggans are allowed but must be free of inappropriate language, symbols, pictures, etc.
- No headwear may be worn inside the building without prior approval (i.e. – medical, disability, or religious exemptions).

NOTES:

- Students must wear uniforms every day.
- Students must wear uniforms at all times (including lunch), except during P.E.
- P.E. clothing may be short-sleeved t-shirt, knee-length shorts, and athletic shoes.
- Leggings are not allowed.
- Sweat pants and wind pants may be worn during P.E. on cold weather days.
- Students not in uniform will be sent to the office to call home for required clothing.
- Habitual violations may result in a more severe consequence, including disenrollment.
- The school has a limited supply of donated uniforms that will be made available to students experiencing financial hardships and/or who are new to the school.

Uniform Exceptions

Medical: A student's parent requests a reasonable accommodation to address the student's disability or medical condition. Such requests shall be made in writing and shall be submitted to the school principal for approval.

Religious: The wearing of clothing in compliance with the uniform policy violates a 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.