

# Sorensen Magnet School

School Year 2023-2024



## Uniform Policy: Student Guidelines

Together we create a positive environment guiding each child to learn everyday!

**Guiding Principle:** Sorensen Magnet School places a high value on school climate and student success. Our mandatory student uniform policy promotes the concepts of community, teamwork, responsibility, pride, respect, and safety, and fosters a sense of equity in the learning environment for all students. Individual expression and the arts are important to us and our simple uniform dress code reflects that value.

### Student Uniform Guidelines:

- All students are to wear clothes that meet uniform guidelines while attending school. The daily expectation is 100% compliance.
- **Tops:** Uniform shirts and dresses consist of a plain, solid-colored, long or short sleeved polo top (collared) with the Sorensen logo embroidered on the left upper chest corner. Brand names and logos must not be visible. Students can choose any color they desire. Performance team shirts/jerseys are considered part of the school uniform.
- **Bottoms:** Solid navy, black, or khaki colored shorts, pants, skirts, skorts, or capris. No blue jeans permitted. Tan or black denim is allowed for durability. Leggings can be worn under skirts or shorts but not by themselves.
- **Dresses and Jumpers:** Dresses must be plain, solid-colored long or short-sleeved polo top (collared) with the Sorensen Logo embroidered on the upper left chest corner. Jumpers must have a logo and be worn with a collared shirt underneath.
- **Outer Garments:** The uniform guidelines do not prohibit students from wearing a uniform top, coats, jackets, sweaters, or other appropriate outer garments as needed for weather conditions. If a student desires to wear an outer garment (sweater or sweatshirt) in the building, it must be a solid color, and have a visible Sorensen logo. Brand names and logos must not be visible.
- All uniforms must be clean and in good condition.
- It is the family's responsibility to clearly label all uniforms and outer garments.
- The Administration reserves the right to determine appropriate uniform compliance in all situations, reflecting on the spirit of our Guiding Principle.
- If a student chooses to dress inappropriately, parents will be contacted. The student will need to change into appropriate clothes and be reminded about the policy before they can be returned to the classroom. Additional violations will be subject to disciplinary action.
- No hats to be worn inside the building.
- For safety, open-toed shoes must have a backstrap. No flip flops.
- It is our desire to meet or exceed District dress code policies.

### Special Circumstances:

- **Free Dress Days:** On the last Friday of the month, there will be a school-wide "Free Dress" day, Teachers can use discretion for class themes, if any. Free Dress Days are not to be a distraction to the overall learning environment.
- **Out of Uniform Exceptions:** If a teacher wants to have a special dress day based on a unit or reward, the teacher will notify all staff & families in advance as a courtesy. Special causes and/or fundraisers must be approved at least one month in advance by the Uniform Committee and may not exceed more than one event per month.
- **Performance Teams** may have special shirts/jerseys that can be worn as a uniform top in school and for performance events to demonstrate the concepts of community, pride, and respect.
- **Field Trips:** Students are to wear an approved uniform shirt to all field trips. Teachers can use discretion as to variations, i.e. jeans etc.

### Resources:

- Uniform components may be purchased from any vendors that parents are comfortable with, keeping the **Uniform Guidelines** in mind.
- Shirt embroidery cost may range from vendor to vendor. **Approved vendors include:**

[Pyramid Printing](#)  
(208) 664-0245

Sub Terra  
(208) 664-4763

TPI Embroidery  
(208) 777-7871

Atomic Threads  
(208) 772-5414

[Lands' End](#)  
[www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)

- There will be an annual Uniform Swap at our Open House each fall. Gently used uniforms can be purchased for \$2.00 each.

### Hardship:

- Parents who indicate significant hardship in providing all or part of the uniform may contact the school office for more information. [mgrebil@cdaschools.org](mailto:mgrebil@cdaschools.org)

### Implementation Suggestions:

- Parental support and partnership is an essential component to student success in all areas, including this uniform policy.
- Instead of purchasing traditional "new school clothes," shift spending to clothing that meets the Uniform Guidelines.
- Be positive with your child and remind them how special Sorensen is when talking about school uniforms. For example,
  - "We are one of only a few schools that get to have uniforms!"
  - "Won't it be nice for children not to worry about who has the best school clothes?"
  - Reinforce concepts such as teamwork, pride, and sense of community.
- Help your child maintain a strong sense of self expression by purchasing colors of shirts that excite and interest them, as well as complementing their individual style and personality.
- Help your intermediate child understand the role of leadership in the school, and the importance of wearing uniforms to set a good example to the younger students.