

# Sorensen Magnet School

School Year 2018-2019



## 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.
- + Uniform shirts consist of a **plain, solid-colored**, long or short sleeved **polo** shirt (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.
- + Boys: **Solid** navy, black, or khaki colored shorts or pants. **No blue jeans permitted. Tan or black denim is allowed for durability.**
- + Girls: **Solid** navy, black, or khaki colored shorts, pants, skirts, jumpers, skorts, or capris. **No blue jeans or yoga pants permitted. Tan or black denim is allowed for durability. Leggings can be worn under skirts or shorts but not by themselves.**
- + Outer Garments: The uniform guidelines do not prohibit students from wearing 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 logo.
- + All uniforms must be clean, free from holes, 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 members 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** will have special shirts for performance events that **can be worn on performance meeting or event days**. To demonstrate the concepts of community, pride, and respect, students must be dressed in uniform to participate in performance events.
- ✚ **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 \$4-\$6 per item and a local vendor list is available from the office or on our website. Approved vendors include **Atomic Threads, Lands' End, Pyramid Printing, and Underground Screen Printing & Embroidery (formerly Underground Expressions)**.
- ✚ Families can participate in the Fall or Winter Uniform Swap, where gently used items can be purchased for \$2.00.

### Hardship:

- ✚ Parents who indicate significant hardship in providing all or part of the uniform can attend the Fall or Winter Uniform Swap, where gently used items can be purchased for \$2.00.

### 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 (grades 4-6) understand the role of leadership in the school, and the importance of wearing uniforms to set a good example to the younger students.