

# Sorensen Magnet School

School Year 2022-2023



## 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 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.
- + **Bottoms:** **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 & 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** 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. Teacher's 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,
  - o "We are one of only a few schools that get to have uniforms!"
  - o "Won't it be nice for children not to worry about who has the best school clothes?"
  - o 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.

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## Uniform Policy: Staff Guidelines

As we seek to encourage 100% compliance with our Student Uniform Policy, it is especially important for all certified and classified staff to be mindful and in compliance with District Policy 408 regarding Faculty Dress:

*The Board encourages professional attire.*

*Everyone who works with children must consider the commitment to the position they hold and the type of work they do. Standards for personal appearance, which identify the person as a professional person, have long been established. The relationship enjoyed with the public - students, parents, and community at large, will be profoundly influenced by the staff's appearance. ~Adopted: April 21, 2003*

As a magnet school, we highly value our relationship with our community of peers, families, students, and public partners. It is especially important that we represent our school professionally when we are in public with our students. It is recommended that staff wear an item depicting the school logo, whether on a shirt or by the use of a lapel pin. Jeans are not considered professional. Lanyards or clipped style identification cards are to be worn at all times.

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## Uniform Policy: Student Uniform Enforcement Policy

Any student coming to school not meeting Uniform Policy requirements will be given loaner clothing (if we have it available). Loaner clothing will be washed and returned to school.

### Classroom Level:

Teacher reviews and monitors daily compliance expectation with students. All staff reserve the right to approach and direct students in non-compliance.

1<sup>st</sup> Non-Compliance Options: Loaner clothes provided by office staff, email sent home, option reserved to send student to office for parents to bring uniform, and/or student calls home.

2<sup>nd</sup> Non-Compliance Options: Student sent to office for parents to bring uniform and reminder call to home.

### Principal Referral:

Principal handles non-compliance issues.

1<sup>st</sup>: Conference with student, phone call to home.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Conference with student, phone call home, conference with family.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Principal Discretion. The school board fully supports dress code implementation and enforcement for the safety and welfare of all students.