

# SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The Forney Independent School District has a student uniform policy for all grades and all campuses. The uniform gives the school a positive and distinctive identity and reflects the values of the schools and community. All students are required to wear the uniform each day except for those days designated as "non-uniform" at the discretion of the school administrations.

## Shirts, Blouses, Turtlenecks

- Style: Collared knit buttoned polo or dress style buttoned shirts/blouses (long or short sleeved), turtlenecks
- Color: White, Yellow, Red, Navy Blue (solid, single colors)
  - All shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks must be tucked in at all times and must stay tucked in when arms are raised.
  - Forney school logos only (1½ by 1½ inches) – *optional*.
  - All shirts and blouses must be buttoned from the first button past the collar.
  - No stripes, checks, or other designs on shirts, blouses, and turtlenecks.
  - Sleeveless shirts/blouses or shirts/blouses with cap sleeves are not allowed.
  - Thermal type shirts are not allowed.
  - No zippered or snapped shirts or blouses.

## Slacks, Pants, Shorts

- Style: Pleated or flat front slacks or pants (belted and full-length); walking-style shorts
- Color: Khaki, Navy Blue (solid, single colors)
  - Slacks and pants must be worn at the waist, and be properly hemmed or cuffed.
  - Belts (black or brown) must be worn at all times – *optional for PreK-4th*.
  - Logos or labels on slacks and pants must be no larger than 1 inch by 1 inch.
  - No sweatpants, windpants, pants with drawstrings, warm-ups, or coveralls.
  - Corduroy and jean (denim) material is not allowed.
  - Baggy style legged slacks or pants are not allowed.
  - No capri style pants or khaki jeans.
  - Shorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back).
  - Soccer or boxer style shorts are not allowed (except in PE/Athletics, Cheer, or Drill classes only).
  - No cargo or carpenter style pants.
  - No brads or studs on slacks, pants, or shorts.

## Skirts, Skorts

- Color: Khaki, Navy Blue (solid, single colors)
  - Skirts and skorts length must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back).
  - Logos or labels on skirts or skorts must be no larger than 1 inch by 1 inch.

- Skirts may have a kick-pleat (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee), but not a slit.

### **Jumpers**

- Style: V-neck, square neck, or round neck
- Color: Khaki, Navy Blue (solid, single colors)
  - Jumpers must be no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee-cap (in both front and back).
  - Uniform shirt, blouse, or turtleneck must be worn under the jumper at all times.
  - Kick pleats are allowed (no more than 3 inches above the top of the knee); slits are not allowed.
  - Dresses are not allowed.
  - No logos.

### **Shoes, Socks, Hose/Tights, Belts**

- Color (socks): White, Navy Blue, Black, or Khaki (solid, single colors).
- Color (hose/tights): White, Navy Blue, Black, Khaki, or Flesh-tone (solid, single colors).
- Color (shoes): Brown or Black leather-like shoes (tie or loafer-type), or brown or black boots, or tennis shoes.
- Color (belts): Brown or Black dress type.
  - Socks must be worn with slacks, pants, and shorts.
  - Socks must match socks, and shoes must match shoes.
  - No stripes, checks, or other designs on socks, hose/tights and belts.
  - Para-military type boots, open-toed/open-heeled shoes or sandals, thongs, flip-flops are not allowed.

### **Outer-wear: Sweatshirts, Vests, Sweaters**

- Color: White, Yellow, Red, Navy Blue (solid, single colors)
  - Sweatshirts, vests, and sweaters must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves, and length; and must be worn over uniform shirt, blouse, or turtleneck.
  - Forney school logos only (1½ by 1½ inches) – optional.
  - No stripes, checks, or other designs on sweatshirts, vests, and sweaters.
  - Sleeveless or capped sleeve sweatshirts are not allowed.
  - Hoods do not count as collars.

### **Other Guidelines**

- Leather, suede, vinyl, corduroy, and denim materials are not allowed except for coats, jackets, and windbreakers.
- Coats may be worn in accordance with appropriate weather conditions.
- Spandex, nylon, or stretch-type materials are not allowed.
- Clothing can be no more than one size larger than the student's measurements; nor may the garment be too tight.
- Caps, hats, and head coverings inside the building are not allowed.
- Overall pants, overall shorts, and overall jumpers are not allowed.
- Wind shorts/pants, athletic shorts/pants, sweat shorts/pants are not allowed except in PE/Athletics.

- All clothing must be solid colored.
- Students must comply with district standards for grooming and accessories as outlined in the Alternate/Interim Student Dress Code.
- Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband, or creates a distraction.
- All clothing must be properly hemmed.
- Undershirts must be one of the four solid approved colors with no printing or designs.

The District standards for grooming and appearance for hair, general appearance of clothing, and jewelry and other accessories are addressed in the Alternate/Interim Student Dress Code in the Student Handbook.

Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the student uniform code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered in uniform policy shall be within the discretion of the administration.

In case of severe financial hardship, parents may contact their child's school by phone, mail, or in person to request assistance.

### **Alternative/Interim Student Dress Code**

This policy is only for new students to the District and students with school board approved opt-out requests. New students moving into the District have 21 calendar days to comply with the uniform policy. Students in the process of opt-out appeal [see FNCA (L) and FNG (L) for process and timelines] must comply with Alternative/Interim Dress Code guidelines. All other students must be in compliance with the student uniform policy guidelines.

Students are expected to dress and groom themselves so as not to:

1. Lead school officials reasonably to believe that such dress or grooming will disrupt, interfere with, disturb, or detract from school activities; or
2. Create a hazard to the student's own health or safety or to the health or safety of others.

Immodest or distracting dress or appearance of any type is not permitted. This is not confined to clothing, but also includes fads in hair styles, make-up, or other attractions that would in the opinion of the principal tend to promote student disruption, jeopardize student conduct, or otherwise interfere with the educational process. (Clothing containing offensive slogans, symbols, and other suggestive or controversial designs are not allowed.)

Students will keep themselves neatly groomed and dressed and will keep their hair neat and clean. Grooming and dress that will disturb, interfere with, or detract from school activities will not be allowed. Neatly groomed and dressed shall be defined as dress and grooming that is standard and conforms to local community and school district etiquette and decorum. It is within these principles that FISD will enforce the following dress code items, specifically but not limited to:

### **HAIR (District Standard for Grooming and Appearance)**

- Sideburns may not extend past the earlobes.

- Goatees, beards, mustaches, or facial hair (must be clean shaven) are prohibited.
- Boys' hair may not extend past the mid-point of the collar of a dress shirt, below the earlobe, or below the eyebrows.
- Boys may not have ponytails, pigtails, or braids of any kind.
- Hair rollers and hair clips are not allowed.
- Unnatural hair coloring such as green, purple, etc. is prohibited.
- Hair should be kept clean and neatly groomed at all times.
- Hair at no time should be in the students' eyes.

### **SHIRTS, BLOUSES, AND TOPS**

- These articles must be collared and are to be buttoned from the first button below the collar downward.
- These articles are to be tucked in.
- Length of all tops should be long enough to tuck in and stay in even when the arms are raised.
- All tops (etc.) should cover the back, shoulders, and stomach. No skin is to show at the waist at any time.
- Unhemmed or sleeveless tops are not acceptable for boys and girls.
- No t-shirts allowed.
- Forney school logos only (1½ by 1½ inches) - *optional*.

### **PANTS, DRESSES, CULOTTES, SKORTS AND SHORTS**

- Slacks and trousers are to be full length and worn at the waist. Shorts also must be worn at the waist. No cargo, carpenter, or similar style pants or shorts are permitted.
- Shorts for boys and girls must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee except in physical education classes.
- Athletic and soccer type shorts (with or without a logo) are not allowed (except in PE); only jean type or walking shorts are permissible with a belt.
- Spandex, wind shorts, wind pants, or warm-ups are not permissible.
- Dresses, skirts, culottes, skorts, and similar attire must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee in front and back.
- Pants and shorts must be worn with a belt (belts are optional for grades PreK - 4th).

### **HEAD AND FOOTWEAR**

- Students shall not wear hats, caps, or other head coverings inside the building. Exceptions may be made upon written request to the principal based on religious or health reasons.
- Students must wear appropriate shoes at all times. Houseshoes, beach shoes, thongs, shower shoes and the like are not considered to be appropriate.

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE OF ALL CLOTHING (District Standard for Grooming and Appearance)**

- Frayed, cut off, or tattered clothing is not allowed, even in P.E. classes.
- Student attire should be modest and appropriate in length, fit, and design.
- Sufficient underclothing is required.
- Clinging or transparent clothing is unacceptable.
- Articles sporting messages that are obscene or suggestive or that pertain to alcohol, narcotics, tobacco, or other controlled substances shall not be worn to school.

- Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately.
- Clothing may be NO more than one size larger than the student's measurements.

### **JEWELRY AND OTHER ACCESSORIES (District Standard for Grooming and Appearance)**

- Excessive makeup and/or jewelry is not allowed.
- All tattoos must be covered and hidden from view.
- Jewelry used in conjunction with body piercing (such as nose rings or tongue studs) is prohibited.
- Boys may not wear earrings or makeup.
- Students are not to wear sunshades or sunglasses to school unless they provide a note from their physician stating the need to do so.
- Chains on wallets cannot exceed 7" in full length.

Shorts or other abbreviated clothing may be worn only in areas where physical education activities are conducted. The longer "shorts" shall be allowed in the classroom but shall be no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap. Athletic or soccer type shorts with or without a logo are not allowed at any length; only jean type or walking shorts are permissible. Two violations of the "3 inches above the top of the kneecap" shorts rule may result in loss of privilege to wear shorts for the semester.

#### **\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*\***

Students who are sent to the office for violation of the 3-inch rule for dresses, skirts, skorts, and culottes more than twice per semester shall for the remainder of the semester not be allowed to wear them unless they actually touch the knee. If both referrals occur the last 6 weeks of a semester, the foregoing penalty applies to the remainder of the current semester and the following semester. Students repeatedly sent to the office for dress code violations may be subject to BAM assignments.

### **Other Guidelines**

**The "District Standard for Grooming and Appearance" applies to all students.**

#### **Extra Curricular Dress Code**

With respect to any extracurricular activities, the Principal, in conjunction with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of such activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of participating students if the Principal, sponsor, or coach reasonably believes that the student's dress or grooming:

1. Creates a hazard to the student's own safety or to the safety of others; or
2. Will prevent, interfere with, or adversely affect the purpose, direction, or effort required for activity to achieve its goals.

Such regulation may include denying the student permission to participate in the extracurricular activity or to go to extracurricular trips.

**Compliance: If a non-exempt student attends school in violation of this uniform policy, the following disciplinary steps will be taken:**

- the student will be placed immediately in isolation on the campus, either until the parent can bring appropriate clothing or for the entire day, whichever comes first
- the student will be sent to BAM for a minimum of 3 days for the second infraction
- if the student still refuses to comply, the student will remain in BAM for a maximum of two weeks

- if the student still refuses to comply following the two week BAM assignment, the principal will pursue due process for AEP or expulsion

**Disciplinary action will not be taken against a student:**

- in the process of gaining financial assistance to purchase the uniform or is on appeal for an exemption
- wearing the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization (such as Boys or Girls Scouting) on regular meeting days (the 3" rule is applicable to the length of these uniforms as well as the standard school uniform (such as cheerleader or drill) when approved by the campus administrator

**Non-Uniform Days**

Administrator(s) shall have authority to waive the wearing of the school uniform for certain days, parts of days, special events, or special activities. Students who choose not to participate in the special days are expected to wear the standard school uniform.

**Special Assistance:** In case of severe financial hardship, parents may contact their child's school by phone, mail, or in person to request assistance when financially unable to purchase the standard school uniform. Special note—having a child on the free-reduced lunch program does not automatically qualify for assistance.

**Funding:** Economically disadvantaged students whose parents cannot afford uniforms without financial assistance will be aided through private donations or gifts by individuals or businesses or through contributions from activity funds or parent organizations.

**Final Authority:** Administrators will have complete and final judgment on all matters concerning interpretation of the dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered above shall be within the discretion of the administration.

**Opt-out Provision for New Students:** The following procedure shall be followed if the parent or guardian desires to exempt his/her child from the uniform policy in accordance with FNCA (Local) and FNG (Local):

- Request by mail or in person an Application for Exemption from the Uniform Program. This document can be obtained at the student's school site.
- Within ten (10) calendar days of enrollment, complete the application for exemption in full and submit it to the designated administrator for uniform program exemptions at the student's school.
- Meet with the designated administrator to discuss the uniform policy and the nature of the objections to the policy. The purposes of this meeting include (a) ensuring parental understanding of the reasons for and goals of the uniform policy, (b) verifying the accuracy of the information on the application, (c) preventing fraud and misrepresentation.
- Meet with a designated district administrator to discuss the nature of the parental objection(s) to the policy.
- Students who are denied an opt-out exemption by the Board will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of ruling to come into compliance.

**Opt-out Provision for Currently Enrolled Students:** The following procedures shall be followed if the parent or guardian desires to exempt his/her child who is currently enrolled in Forney ISD from

the uniform policy in accordance with FNCA (Local) and FNG (Local):

- Request by mail or in person an Application for Exemption from the Uniform Program. This document can be obtained at the student's school site.
- By the last day of instruction effective May 2001, complete the application for exemption in full and submit it to the designated administrator for uniform program exemptions at the student's school.
- Meet with the designated administrator to discuss the uniform policy and the nature of the objections to the policy. The purposes of this meeting include (a) ensuring parental understanding of the reasons for and goals of the uniform policy, (b) verifying the accuracy of the information on the application, (c) preventing fraud and misrepresentation.
- Meet with a designated district administrator to discuss the nature of the parental objection(s) to the policy.

Students who are denied an opt-out exemption by the Board will have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of ruling to come into compliance.

**Evaluation:** CPOC committees shall maintain the right to make recommendations to the Board based on evaluation results or perceived needs for change.

### **List of Vendors:**

**Target**

**Mervyns**

**Wal-Mart**

**French Toast**

**Land's End**

**Pirate Alley (Crandall) - (972)427-8899**

**Dollar General (Forney)**



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