



Fern Hill Elementary Uniform Policy

2010/2011

WHY FERN HILL REQUIRES UNIFORMS?

We are proud of our successful school wide uniform policy in part because Uniforms:

- o Reduce peer pressure to out-dress each other.
- o Are less expensive than trendy fashions.
- o Improves school behavior.
- o Instills a sense of unity, belonging, and pride.
- o Research shows uniforms reduce bullying/fighting.

UNIFORM COLORS

TOPS: Any shade of solid Blue or White. (No black!)

Includes: Shirts/Blouses: must have collar

Outer Wear: Sweatshirts & sweaters (Hoods okay), but must have collared shirt or blouse underneath.

BOTTOMS: Any shade of solid Blue, Black or Khaki.

Includes: Slacks, Cargos, Capri's, Skirts, Shorts/Skortts, and Jumpers. Pockets must be design and stitching free.

GUIDELINES:

- **Shirts/Blouses** must have a collar!
- **Sweatshirts/ Hoodies & Sweaters**, in any shade of solid blue or white, must have a uniform shirt or blouse underneath with collar over the outer garment.
- **Leggings or tights** worn under a skirt or jumper must be any shade of solid blue, black, khaki or white.
- **Skortts & Shorts** must not be more than 3 inches above the knee. **Shorts** may only be worn in the months of May, June, September and October.
- **New students**, enrolled after the 1st day of school will have one week to conform to the uniform policy.
- **Shoes:** Must be appropriate for safety! Tennis and/or casual shoes. They should be comfortable.
- Uniforms should be in good condition, no tears or holes and regularly laundered.

WHAT TYPES OF THINGS ARE NOT OKAY?

- ❖ No undershirts that are not uniform colors; any shade of solid blue or white.
- ❖ No logos, designs, embellishments, patterns, prints or colored trimmings.
- ❖ No oversized earrings or necklaces. Small studs or 1/2 inch hoops only.
- ❖ No body piercing other than earrings.
- ❖ No body art or tattoos.
- ❖ No scarves, sweatbands, distracting hair bands or clips, hats or sunglasses.
- ❖ No chains or oversized buckles.
- ❖ No hair dye, hair coloring or distracting styles.
- ❖ No make up including distracting nail polish.
- ❖ No jeans, skinny or pencil pants, sweats, cords, stretch pants, tank tops or sleeveless tops.
- ❖ No sagging, dragging, baggies, or bare midriff.
- ❖ No more than one size larger to allow for growth.
- ❖ No open toes, heels, flip flops, wheels, or open back shoes.
- ❖ No oversized long hanging shirts. Hip length or must be tucked in!
- ❖ No black tops. Black bottoms only!

Uniforms donations
to our Uniform Cupboard would be terrific!
Bring them by the office. Thank you in advance!

Consequences for Students that are Not in Uniform Compliance?

- 1st Infraction:** Reminder and copy of uniform policy sent home with student by teacher.
- 2nd Infraction:** Pink Warning Letter sent home by teacher. Parent sends back slip that gives "student permission to change clothes at school" in the event of another infraction.
- 3rd Infraction:** Telephone call home to parents from classroom teacher to discuss policy and determine family needs in meeting policy. (School counselor and/or administration may be consulted if needed to determine resource.)
- 4th Infraction:** Child will change into appropriate uniform clothing, as is available, whether or not "permission to change" is signed. Loss of recess or privilege may be applied.
- 5th Infraction:** Administration will meet with parent to develop a plan for uniform compliance. Further student consequences may be applied.

Any uniform policy questions/concerns will be deferred to administration where decisions will be based on what is in the best interest of the student learning environment.

REMINDERS FOR 2010/2011

1. **Pants** MUST meet guidelines: NO jeans, skinny or pencil pants, sweats, or cords. Pockets must be design and stitching free.
2. **Leggings/Tights** MUST meet guidelines: and be worn under skirt or jumper in solid color of blue, black, khaki, or white. No exceptions!