

# Amity School District 4J

Code: **JFCAA-AR**  
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## School Uniforms

The school's student uniform program will be subject to the following requirements:

### Uniform Selection

1. A committee selected by the building principal comprised of staff, parents, students and others as deemed appropriate by the building principal shall recommend a student uniform with final selection made by the building site council.
2. All student uniform selection decisions shall give due consideration to:
  - a. Styles and colors;
  - b. Requirements for sweaters, jackets/outer garments;
  - c. Optional articles of attire, if any;
  - d. Uniform availability; and
  - e. The potential cost to parents.

### Communications

1. The building principal will be responsible for communicating student uniform information through such means as district newsletters, local media, registrations materials and/or student-parent handbooks.
2. Information will include:
  - a. Expectations, rationale and benefits of the school uniform program;
  - b. School uniform requirements;
  - c. Vendors of uniform articles and prices, where possible;
  - d. The availability of financial assistance for families in need and procedures for applying for assistance;
  - e. Availability of recycled/used uniforms;
  - f. Waiver request procedures;
  - g. Casual or other special dress day exceptions to school uniform requirements;
  - h. Disciplinary action for failure to abide by the district's mandatory school uniform policy.

### Waiver Request

A parent may request a waiver of his/her student's participation in the school uniform program as follows:

1. Submit waiver request in writing to the school office, stating nature of objection; and

2. Meet with building principal or designee to discuss the school uniform program and the nature of the objection to the program.

### **Financial Considerations**

1. Families in need of financial assistance for the purchase of school uniforms will be encouraged to contact the school.
2. The building principal or designee will determine the form and type of assistance appropriate. Eligibility for free and reduced price meals or other circumstances as deemed appropriate will be considered.
3. The building principal will work with staff, school and community organizations and businesses to identify resources for assisting families in need.
4. A list will be compiled of those willing to assist and made available to families in need.

### **Disciplinary Action**

1. If necessary, disciplinary action may be taken to encourage compliance with the school uniform program. Since the intent of the program is not to inhibit or prohibit any student who is not in uniform from receiving the education to which he/she is entitled, no student shall be suspended or expelled as a result of a violation of the Board's school uniform policy and/or regulation.
2. Prior to initiating any disciplinary action against a student not complying with the school uniform program, a conference with the student and his/her parent(s) will be held to solicit cooperation and support.
3. Disciplinary action is to be initiated only after all other means to secure support and cooperation have been used.
4. No student shall be considered noncompliant with the school's uniform program when:
  - a. Noncompliance derives from financial hardship;
  - b. A student wears a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization such as the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts on a regular meeting day;
  - c. Wearing a school uniform violates a student's religious belief;
  - d. A student's parent(s) has secured a waiver from the school uniform program by following the procedures established at the school.

### **Annual Evaluation**

An evaluation of the school uniform program will be conducted each school year. The building principal will review the evaluation with the Board.