

# Uniform Policy

## UNIFORMS

Uniforms at Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning are mandatory. Dress and grooming standards are part of the uniform policy.

The purpose of the uniform policy is to help create a safe environment, improve the classroom-learning atmosphere, and promote the concept of crew. Promontory School believes that uniforms will promote a sense of school unity and ensure that every child comes dressed to learn, while instilling responsibility and respect for themselves and their peers.

It is expected that students will adhere to the following uniform policy guidelines and that parents will support their students and the school in enforcing the uniform policy.

## STUDENT PRESENTATION & GROOMING

Students must present a modest, clean, and neat appearance at all times.

- ❖ All clothing must be clean, appropriately sized, and worn correctly. Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist. Shoes must be tied or fastened. Clothing shall not be excessively worn or have holes.
- ❖ Hair must be clean and have a combed appearance and be appropriate for school. Hairstyles and colors should not be extreme and should be appropriate for school.

## COLORS



Promontory's school colors are the earth tones **white, blue, brown, gray, and green**. These earth tone colors remind us that our learning is enhanced through outdoor learning adventures.

Our uniform colors are our school colors.

## TOPS



- ❖ Tops must be solid **White** or any shade **Blue, Brown, Gray, and Green**.
- ❖ Tops must have a collar and be a polo or button-down, plain, with no printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable).
- ❖ Tops must:
  - Be long enough to tuck.
  - Have sleeves that cover the shoulders and under the arm.
  - Not be sheer or otherwise revealing.
  - Not be torn or purposely frayed.
  - Not be denim.
  - Not have embellishments (i.e., lace), unless the same color as top.
  - Be clean.
- ❖ A shirt worn underneath the collared top must be a solid color consistent with uniform policy colors and plain with no visible printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable).
- ❖ Any sweaters, vests, hoodies, or jackets worn inside the classroom must be a solid color consistent with uniform policy colors and requirements, plain, with no printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable). Hoods may not be worn inside the building. Any size Promontory School logo is acceptable.
- ❖ Annually, one additional top color may be chosen for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students for one school year only. The method of choosing the color will be determined by the administration.

## BOTTOMS



- ❖ Bottoms must be solid **White** or of any shade **Blue, Brown, Gray** and **Green**.
- ❖ Girls may wear skirts, jumpers, skorts, shorts, capris, or pants. Skirts, jumpers, skorts, and shorts, may be no shorter than 2 inches above the kneecap. Clothing must be worn under skirts to cover undergarments, i.e., tights, leggings, and shorts. Leggings and tights must be an opaque (not sheer) solid color consistent with uniform policy colors and are not allowed unless worn under a skirt/skort/dress which is still no shorter than 2 inches above the kneecap.
- ❖ Boys may wear pants or shorts. Shorts are to be no shorter than 2 inches above the kneecap.
- ❖ Bottoms must:
  - Be no shorter than 2 inches above the kneecap.
  - Be worn around the waist.
  - Have no holes (patches matching color and hidden).
  - Be clean.
- ❖ No traditional wash blue jeans, sweats, knit or sweat-like fabric, workout clothing, basketball-style or athletic pants/shorts are allowed except for camping (see below).

## DRESSES



- ❖ Dresses must be solid **White** or any shade **Blue, Brown, Gray** and **Green**.
- ❖ Girls may wear dresses that have a collar or collared shirt underneath and are no more than 2 inches above the kneecap.
- ❖ Leggings and tights must be an opaque (not sheer) solid color consistent with uniform policy colors and are not allowed unless worn under a knee length skirt/skort/dress which is still no shorter than 2 inches above the kneecap.
- ❖ Dresses must:
  - Have sleeves that cover the shoulders and under the arm.
  - Not be sheer or otherwise revealing.
  - Not be torn or purposely frayed.
  - Not be denim.
  - Not have embellishments (i.e., lace), unless the same color as dress.
  - Be clean.

## ACCESSORIES

- ❖ Any makeup, jewelry, or hair accessories worn should be appropriate for school and not distract from learning environment.
- ❖ Body piercing will be limited to earrings that do not draw undue attention or present a danger to the person wearing them.
- ❖ No hats of any kind (including baseball caps) or sunglasses may be worn in the building.
- ❖ Belts and ties, if worn, should not be distracting.

## FOOTWEAR

- ❖ Footwear must be appropriate for P.E. and outdoor activities. Footwear may have open toes, but must have a strap or some kind of back on the shoe so that it doesn't slip off the feet.
- ❖ Shoes and socks should be conservative in style and not distracting. No wheelies are permitted.
- ❖ Students will need a pair of sturdy hiking or walking shoes for outside excursions. It is possible that a specific type of shoe will be needed for a specific activity (i.e. rock climbing, back packing, water activities, etc.). If so, notification will be given in advance.

## OUTERWEAR

- ❖ Winter coats, jackets, gloves, hats, and other outerwear are not considered uniform items and should not be worn inside the classroom. Any items worn inside the classroom must be consistent with the school uniform policy colors and requirements.
- ❖ A rain jacket is not required for regular classroom use, but is encouraged as it is likely to be used on outdoor fieldwork.

## FIELDWORK UNIFORM



Unless notified differently, students should wear any shade **BLUE UNIFORM, COLLARED SHIRT** and any uniform bottoms on fieldwork. This is not a “dress down” uniform. When students leave the building for fieldwork they represent Promontory School. This fieldwork uniform will also help chaperones more quickly identify Promontory students.

- ❖ Some fieldwork activities do call for a “dress down” uniform, and teachers will notify parents to specify in advance when activities call for dressing down. An official **PROMONTORY FIELDWORK T-SHIRT** or solid **BLUE T-SHIRT** and **BLUE JEANS**, or bottoms appropriate for the activity, may be worn on teacher-specified “dress down” fieldwork. All other uniform rules apply.

- ❖ An official Promontory fieldwork t-shirt is available to purchase through the school as an option.
- ❖ Spirit t-shirts, i.e., school fundraiser t-shirts, race shirts, etc. are not to be worn on fieldwork.

## CAMPING UNIFORM

We recognize camping is a different learning environment. Students should be prepared to get dirty and remember the modesty standards from the uniform policy. The daily school uniform is appropriate on campouts, and additional uniform options are as follows:

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- ❖ For camping, shirts may include any solid color t-shirt, with no printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable).
- ❖ An **Official Promontory Fieldwork T-shirt** will be made available for purchase through the school as an option for such camping activities.
- ❖ Spirit t-shirts (school fundraiser t-shirts, race t-shirts, etc.) may be worn camping.

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- ❖ Jeans are allowed, however they must meet standard uniform policies: no shorter than 2 inches above the kneecap, no holes, tears, or writing. They also need to be worn at the waist.

## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE & CELEBRATION OF LEARNING UNIFORM POLICY

Students are expected to be in school uniform unless notified differently by their teacher.

## PASSAGE PRESENTATIONS UNIFORM POLICY

Students are expected to wear school uniform or best dress, while adhering to modesty standards, for their Passage

## **OTHER ATTIRE**

Students may choose other attire such as backpacks, purses, etc. that are not offensive and are appropriate to our learning environment.

Uniform items not specifically covered but considered inappropriate or contrary to the purpose of the Uniform Policy are subject to review by the Administrators in charge of executing the Uniform Policy.

## **EXEMPTION**

Uniform compliance is mandatory with no opt-out policy other than stated below.

Uniform policy exemption will be granted by the director based on:

- ❖ Religious beliefs
- ❖ Extenuating circumstances.

The administration will develop ways of assisting economically disadvantaged students who are unable to meet the uniform policy requirements because of economic circumstances.

## **General Policy Considerations**

This Policy is intended to create a framework to meet the purpose described above. As styles change and questions arise, the school administration, as the Board of Directors' designee, has the authority to determine if a student's attire or appearance conforms to the provisions contained in this Policy. If a student violates the uniform policy, the discipline procedures outlined by the Director should be followed.