



# Ranson IB Middle School Dress Code Policy 2019 - 2020

## STATEMENT OF POLICY

Scholars at designated uniform schools will need to wear an approved school uniform with only legally-mandated exceptions. To maintain an educational environment that is safe and productive to the educational process, students in all grades will abstain from wearing or possessing specified items during the school day.

## STATE OF PURPOSE

Reasonable regulation of school attire can further support important educational interests, including the following:

- Reducing distraction and loss of self-esteem caused by teasing or competition over clothing.
- Minimizing disruption from wearing inappropriate clothing or possessing inappropriate items at school.
- Providing an environment where students can focus more on learning.
- Enhancing school safety by making it harder to conceal weapons or contraband.
- Enhancing school safety by helping teachers and administrators identify individuals that are not enrolled in the school when they encounter them on school grounds.
- Enhancing school safety by prohibiting gang colors and paraphernalia.
- Reducing the cost of school clothing.
- Providing an educational environment where financial disparities between students, as reflected in clothing, are minimized
- Creating a greater sense of community and school pride among the students.
- Instilling discipline in students.
- Helping students and parents/legal guardians to avoid peer pressure.
- Helping prepare students for future roles in the workplace.
- Creating an atmosphere reflecting seriousness of purpose about education.

## Tops

- Polo-style shirts with a collar that are your grade level colors must be worn daily.
- All shirts should stop at the waist or must be tucked in.
- T-shirts cannot be worn on top of polo-style shirts.
- Sweatshirts, sweaters, cardigans, jackets, turtlenecks, long-sleeve shirts under polo-style shirt or pull-overs must be the same color as grade level shirt color.

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Class of 2023 (8th)
Hunter Green, Grey, or White	Navy Blue or Canary Yellow	Black or Carolina Blue

### Bottoms

- Khaki (tan) pants, capris, finger-tip length shorts or skirts are acceptable. Camouflage is not acceptable.
- Colored (other than uniform bottom colors)/Lace leggings and fishnet stockings are not acceptable.

### Shoes/ Accessories

- Any color lace up, buckle up, athletic shoe or sandals with an ankle strap are acceptable.
- Hats and hoods are not permitted to be worn on campus at any time. Hats should be placed in book bags and are not to be hung on the waist. Scholars may only wear headgear for religious reasons as noted by a parent to the Grade Level Administrator.

**Please note: Throughout the school year, scholars will be rewarded with Dress Down Days. Dress Down Days may be earned by scholars as rewards for excellent behavior and/or academic excellence. Scholars and Parents/ Guardians will be notified of Dress Down Days in advance.**

Scholars who choose to violate the uniform expectations in any way will receive the following consequences including, but not limited to- required Parent Conference, in-school suspension, as well as loss of privileges throughout the school year.

- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must reach the bottom of the fingertips when arms are fully extended.
- Jeans should be free from holes.
- Tops must have sleeves.
- No headgear inside of the building (hats, hoods, knit caps, do rags, bandanas, head wraps, sunglasses, etc.), except for religious purposes.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist.
- Clothing which advertises or portrays gangs, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, nudity, obscene language or has any slogan, or picture which is not in good taste or demeaning to any group or gender, is not to be worn in school.

Teachers are expected to inspect uniforms daily upon student arrival to their class. When students violate the policy, teachers should notify the grade level BMT or GLL. Students who violate the dress code policy are subject to the following consequences:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense – (Warning) Parent contact for change of clothing, sent to BMT and/or school social worker to provide change of clothing. Offense logged and all teachers emailed of violation if parents unable to bring change of clothing**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – (1 day Silent Lunch assigned) Parent contact, sent to BMT and/or school social worker to provide change of clothing.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – (1 week Silent Lunch assigned) Parent Contact, sent to BMT and/or school social worker to provide change of clothing.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense – Grade Level Administrator will assign appropriate consequence, sent to BMT and/or school social worker to provide change of clothing.**

