

## **School Uniforms Frequently Asked Questions**

- **The uniform policy states that no blue jeans are allowed. Will black or khaki colored jeans be allowed? What about corduroy slacks?**

Yes. Black or khaki colored jeans and corduroy slacks are allowed as long as they meet the other guidelines listed for pants in Board Policy 10.209. For example, these items must be free of graphics and embroidery. With the exception of small labels, they may not have insignias, logos, words, or pictures. Also, no pants or shorts with pockets halfway down the legs are allowed. For a complete listing of the pant requirements, please refer to PCS Board Policy 10.209.

- **Can the shirts be polo style with a collar and a few buttons or do they need to be dress or oxford style shirts?**

Polo, oxford style shirts and turtlenecks are allowed as long as they have a collar and meet the other guidelines listed for tops in Board Policy 10.209.

- **What types of shoes are allowed? Flip-flops, sneakers, sandals?**

The only requirements for shoes are that they must be worn at all times, and, as needed, shoes shall conform to special requirements (such as P.E. classes, ROTC, science labs, etc.). Shoes that have laces shall be laced and tied and no bedroom shoes shall be allowed.

- **Does the clothing have to be purchased at a specific place or be a specific label or type?**

Uniforms can be purchased anywhere as long as they meet the uniform requirements of PCS Board Policy 10.209. As a convenience, we have compiled a listing of stores that have communicated their intent to carry some or all of the uniform items. Some stores already have items available for sale while others are still working to get these items in stock. There may be other stores in the area that are planning to carry uniforms. As we learn of these stores, we will add their information to the listing. You can find this listing by visiting our website at [www.pitt.k12.nc.us](http://www.pitt.k12.nc.us).

- **I heard the shirts could be any solid color. Is that true?**

NO. Each school has designated three colors for tops. Please see the School Uniform Color Chart or check with your child's school for their school's designated colors.

- **How long do students have to come into compliance with the new uniform policy?**

The Pitt County Board of Education adopted this policy on June 18, 2007 and it will take effect for all students in August of 2008 with the start of the 2008-2009 school year. In order to allow parents and retailers enough time to shop for and purchase these items, the Board allowed a full year to implement the policy from the time that it was originally adopted. Students who are newly enrolled to Pitt County Schools will be given a two week grace period from enrollment to obtain and wear the proper school uniforms.

- **What are the consequences for wearing inappropriate clothing to school?**

The principal and/or principal's designee shall ensure that the policy is enforced in a consistent manner and require the student and the student's parent or guardian to take appropriate action to remedy situations determined to be in conflict with this policy. Disciplinary action shall be taken for violation of the School Uniform and Appearance Policy in accordance with the Pitt County Board of Education Code of Student Conduct. (Board of Education Policy 10.206 and Procedure 10.206)

Students who do not comply with the School Uniform and Appearance Policy also may be excluded from participating in certain school programs, including graduation ceremonies. Copies of the School Uniform and Appearance Policy shall be made available to students and parents.

- **Will there ever be times when the students can wear clothing other than uniforms to school (like picture day)?**

Principals may make exceptions to the uniform policy for special events such as picture day and may allow a different standard for athletic teams or other school clubs or activities.