

# ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: VOLUNTARY SCHOOL  
UNIFORM PROGRAM

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<p>1. Authority SC 1317.3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">221.1. VOLUNTARY SCHOOL UNIFORM PROGRAM</p> <p>A school may establish a voluntary school uniform program in accordance with the following provisions:</p> <p><u>Procedure for Establishing a Voluntary School Uniform Program</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The proposal for having school uniforms may originate with the staff or parents.</li><li>2. The request shall be presented by the interested group to the school council.</li><li>3. The council will discuss the request and instruct the interested group to survey the parents.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. A letter and questionnaire concerning the proposed school uniform program shall be sent to the parent or guardian of each student in all grades. The letter shall be signed by the principal and the chairperson(s) of the council.</li><li>b. If at least 40% of the parents or guardians approve and are willing to participate in a school uniform program, then parental support for the project shall exist.</li></ol></li><li>4. The council will submit a formal request to the Superintendent. The request will include a description of the uniform, a copy of the letter/questionnaire, the results of the survey and information concerning the approximate cost of the uniform.</li><li>5. The selection of the uniform pattern shall involve the parents, staff and students.</li><li>6. If the Superintendent supports the request, s/he will notify the Board.</li></ol>
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	<p><u>Program Requirements</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If there is a contract with a vendor concerning uniforms, it must be between the parents' group and the vendor. District employees shall not be parties to these contracts.</li><li>2. In selecting the uniform, consideration for flexibility shall be provided. Parents shall be able to purchase or make components that are similar to the selected uniform. The uniform supplier shall make school patches or insignia available for purchase.</li><li>3. Consideration shall be given for seasonal usage of uniforms. There should be enough flexibility so that the uniform would be appropriate during all seasons. For example, the uniform would not include sweaters and ties during warm weather. Skirts and slacks should be made of a fabric that is suitable for use throughout the school year.</li><li>4. In the selection of the garments, options should be provided for variation. For example, girls should be given the option to wear either skirts or slacks.</li><li>5. It must be thoroughly understood by all members of the school community that the wearing of student uniforms is entirely voluntary. No one is obligated, and no one shall be pressured to wear a uniform.</li><li>6. A sensitivity component must be included in an orientation program that stresses the right of students to not participate in the school uniform program. The fundamental principle of expressing individuality will be respected and appreciated.</li><li>7. Procedures shall be developed to assure that every student desiring to take part in the uniform program can participate regardless of ability to pay. Any assistance provided by a donor must be strictly confidential. As the program operates beyond the first year, an interested group may decide to clean and redistribute contributed uniforms of students who have graduated.</li><li>8. Approval for a school to be a participant in the voluntary school uniform program shall be granted for a two (2) year period. Permission to continue will be based upon a number of evaluative factors including the percent of usage among the students. At the end of the second year of the program, the council will survey the staff and parents regarding uniform usage.</li></ol>
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