

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: SCHOOL UNIFORM PROGRAM
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Section 1: Purpose

The Board wishes to establish a mandatory school uniform policy in order to foster an equitable learning environment for all students and to promote a positive image of students among the student, school and local communities. School uniforms are intended to decrease distractions caused by competition or rivalry in attire as well as to increase safety by making children readily identifiable as District students. SC 1317.3

Section 2: Program Requirements

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. It shall be communicated to all members of the school community that the wearing of student uniforms is mandatory.
4. Procedures shall be developed to assure that every student can participate regardless of ability to pay. Any assistance provided by a donor must be strictly confidential with regard to the students or families receiving donated uniform attire.
5. Each school in the District shall maintain an onsite uniform clothing bank stocked with uniform clothing in various sizes appropriate for the students who attend school in that building. Uniform clothing in the clothing bank may be new or used.
6. At the end of the second year of the program, the Administration shall conduct a review of the school uniform program.
7. For each year of the school uniform program, uniform clothing purchases shall not be made from a single vendor, but shall be made from multiple vendors to insure a sufficient variety and supply of uniform clothing for students.
8. Exceptions to this policy shall be made as reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities, medical needs, and religious or faith-based beliefs or objections.
9. Students participating in educational programs having clothing requirements different from the school uniforms shall be permitted to wear the program uniform when required to do so, but must

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wear school uniforms at other times.

10. Other exceptions to the school uniform program may be made for school spirit-based activities or special events.