

PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS DISTRICT 209

Student Uniform Proposal

The following Student Uniform Proposal is presented for review by all District 209 stakeholders.

You may provide your feedback on the proposal by participating in a brief survey. The link to the survey is found at the end of the document.

Proposed: That all students in Proviso Township High Schools District 209 be required to wear the uniform described below on all days in which school is in session, with certain exceptions.

Uniform Description

Shirt: Male and female students shall wear a long- or short-sleeved white, black or school-colored knit polo shirt without logos. Shirt will be worn tucked into the pants, shorts or skirt, unless it is straight-cut and made to drape only to the waist. Undergarments, if visible through the polo shirt, must be white in color. The specific school colors are as follows: Proviso East – Royal Blue, Proviso West – Red, PMSA – Purple.

Pants: Male and female students shall wear plain khaki trousers with flat or pleated fronts. Cargo pants are not allowed. Pants must be worn at the waist. Sagging is not allowed. No more than four pockets, two in front and two in the rear, are allowed. A black or brown belt with no markings and with a plain buckle is required. Leggings are not allowed to be worn as pants.

Shorts: Male and female students may wear plain khaki shorts with flat fronts. Cargo shorts are not allowed. Shorts must be worn at the waist. Sagging is not allowed. No more than four pockets, two in front and two in the rear, are allowed. A black or brown belt with no markings and with a plain buckle is required. The hem of the shorts when worn at the waist must extend lower than the student's fingertips when held at the side with arm and fingers extended.

Skirts: Female students may wear plain khaki skirts, provided that the skirt when worn at the waist has a hem extending lower than the student's fingertips when held at the side with arm and fingers extended.

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Socks/Hosiery: Socks must be the same color on each foot. Female students may wear plain, un-patterned hosiery/tights that are black, brown or white in color. Leggings are not allowed to be worn as hosiery.

Shoes: Shoes must be of the same color. House shoes (slippers), flip flops, shower shoes or cleated shoes shall not be worn. Shoelaces must be worn appropriately and must be of the same color on each shoe.

Cardigans/Sweaters: Male and female students may wear a white, black or school-colored cardigan or sweater, without logos. The sweater or cardigan must be worn over the uniform polo shirt. Cardigans and sweaters with hoods are not allowed.

Exceptions

The following exceptions to the requirement that students wear the prescribed uniform will be allowed:

- NJROTC – Students enrolled in NJROTC classes are exempted from the uniform requirement on those days designated by the Senior Naval Science Instructor for such students to wear their NJROTC uniforms.
- Athletics – Building principals may exempt students participating in interscholastic athletics from the uniform requirement on designated dress-up or jersey days.
- Incentive – Building principals may exempt students on a school-wide basis from the uniform requirement on the first school day of each month as an incentive for students meeting academic, attendance or other performance goals. The principals must share with the students the incentive targets via the bulletin and announcements. At the end of the incentive period, but no later than the day prior to the proposed exempt day, the principal must share with the students the student performance results for the period and whether the performance target was met. Student dress on those days must not violate District 209 Board Policy 7:160 *Student Appearance*.
- School Spirit – Building principals may exempt students from the uniform requirement every Friday and during Homecoming Week. The principal will determine the acceptable spirit wear on those

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days. Students not wearing the prescribed spirit wear must dress in accordance with the student uniform procedures.

Additional Guidelines

- Hats, caps, sunglasses, sweatbands, scarves, bandanas, hairnets coats, jackets, hooded articles and gloves may not be worn in the building and must be placed and remain in the student's locker during the school day
- Clothing, jewelry and hair graphics shall not display lewd, vulgar, obscene or plainly offensive language or symbols or pose a safety concern. Jewelry, tattoos and hair designs affiliated with gang involvement may not be displayed during the school day or at school related functions. No combination of colors affiliated with gangs is permitted
- Male and female undergarments must not be visible at any time.
- The administration reserves the right to determine if a student's appearance constitutes or may constitute a disruption to the educational environment.

Uniform Violations

Violations of the student uniform requirement will be treated as 'Dress Code Violations' and students will subject to the progressive discipline outlined in the student handbook for such violations.

Policy and Regulation

Current District 209 Board policy 7:160 *Student Appearance* will be updated to reflect the changes in the approved student uniform requirement and presented to the Board for approval. The uniform requirement will be incorporated into the student handbook at each school, as approved by the Board.

We welcome your feedback on this proposal.

Please click [here](#) to take a brief survey and share your thoughts.