

Topaz Preparatory Academy Uniform Policy

The following Uniform Policy is intended to be fully implemented and enforced. Thank you for your support! Custom Topaz uniform items are available in the front

The following **solid colors and fabrics** are approved as part of the uniform policy:

- **Fabric** - cotton blend, cotton twill, polyester, polyester blend, or corduroy
- **Shirts** - navy blue, black, or white
- **Pants, skirts/skort, shorts, jumpers, capris** - navy blue, black or khaki (tan)
- **All clothing must be solid in color; no plaid, stripes or patterns are allowed.**
- **All clothing must be clean and without tears or tatters.**

Uniform Style Requirements

SHIRTS:

- Collared polo shirts, classic white cotton button-up uniform shirts or turtlenecks only (long or short sleeved)
- White, black, or navy blue
- Shirts must be plain (free of decorations or logos) except for an approved Topaz tiger logo or any appropriate design smaller than a quarter (.25¢).
- All shirts must be tucked in OR worn at a length that prevents undergarments or midriff from showing.
- All shirts must fit the student. Shirts that are too small, form-fitting, or oversized are in violation of the uniform policy.
- Long-sleeved undershirts may be worn during cold weather, but need to be a **solid** uniform shirt color.
- All shirts must be buttoned from the second button down.

SLACKS/SKIRTS/SHORTS/JUMPERS/CAPRIS:

- Bottoms may be navy blue, black, or khaki.
- All garments must fit snugly at the waist and be worn at the waist.
- Sweatpants and sports shorts (basketball, track) are **not** uniform pants.
- All garments must fit the student. Slacks that are too baggy or too form-fitting are in violation of the uniform policy. **Jeggings and leggings are never considered as pants, even on Fridays.**

- Jean/Denim pants are not allowed (with the exception of University Days, see below).
- All garments must be longer than the student's longest finger when their hands are straight down.

BELTS:

- Belts must be worn looped appropriately through the clothing loops.
- Belts must reflect dress code colors, have a plain buckle, and be unadorned (no spikes, gems, studs, etc).

SWEATERS & SWEATSHIRTS:

- The school uniform shirts must be worn under all sweaters and sweatshirts.
- Navy blue or black sweater vests over classic white uniform shirts are acceptable.
- *All sweaters, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts or any garment made of sweatshirt material, with or without a zipper, must be **solid** (and free of any writing or design) in one of the following colors: navy blue, black, white, or gray.*
- University sweatshirts may be worn on Fridays only.

WINTER OUTERWEAR:

- Heavy coats, jackets, etc., are based on parental choice or individual taste, but must be free of decorations that are immodest or that reflect gang affiliations.
- Demin/jean jackets are not considered uniform.
- Winter outerwear may not be used to circumvent the uniform dress code policy.

FOOTWEAR:

- Shoes must have a back strap and a covered toe.
- Students must have appropriate footwear for physical education classes.
- Flip-flops and slippers are not acceptable for school as they present a safety hazard.

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN:

- All clothing must fit properly; no clothing that is too tight, form-fitting, or baggy.
- All undergarments must be completely covered at all times.
- Sweatpants, velour pants, and stretchable knit clothing are not allowed.
- Clothing accessories (beanies, scarves, socks) must reflect the uniform color policy (solid color) and be free of any decorations that are immodest or that reflect gang affiliations.

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- Leggings and tights (worn under uniforms), or visible socks, must be a solid uniform color..
- Hats/beanies and sunglasses are to be worn outdoors only. Hats must be solid in color, have a college or university name, or be from an HUSD school. Hats must be worn forward.
- Hairstyles, hair color, accessories, or jewelry must not distract from the educational process or learning environment.
- Tattoos, body drawings, and visible body piercings, even if they are clear, (except earrings) are not allowed. Earrings must not present a safety hazard.
- Metal chains and studs are not a part of the approved uniform dress code policy and may not be worn on any person, article of clothing, or accessory.
- Natural looking makeup (only mascara and clear lip gloss; no eyeliner) may only be worn by middle school students, but must be applied at home. No makeup allowed at school!

Consequences For Not Following the Uniform Dress Code Policy:

- The Uniform Policy is an important and mandatory part of the Topaz Preparatory Academy compact and is expected to be followed at all times.
- Students choosing to break the policy will be required to have their parents/guardians bring appropriate clothing to school.
- **Offenses:** First offense will result in a Uniform Notice. Subsequent offenses may result in a Behavior Notice, campus beautification, and/or a possible referral.
- **Three documented uniform dress code policy violations will result a loss of Friday University dress privileges.**
- Administrator/designee interpretations and decisions are final.

PARENT SUPPORT:

- At least once per year the PTC may facilitate a "uniform recycling" event. They will accept donations of uniform items from families of students who have outgrown their uniforms. Donated clothing items need to be washed then will be *inexpensively* resold to school families. Money raised will go to PTC to support special events.

•NOTE: THE POLICY MAY BE MODIFIED AS NEW "FASHION ISSUES" ARISE.

University Spirit Days

- Every Friday is "University Spirit Day".
- PLEASE NOTE:**
- **FRIDAYS ARE NOT FREE DRESS DAYS!** However, on these days, instead of the usual uniform top, students may wear a shirt, sweater and/or sweatshirt with the name of a college, university, or post secondary institution. They may also wear a shirt with a Topaz-sponsored logo, activity, or club. **Students may wear appropriate and modest jeans/pants/skirts on this day as long as they have on a University or Topaz logo shirt. (Note: plain uniform polo shirts do not qualify as University Friday dress). Military shirts specifically stating Army, Navy, Marines, etc. are acceptable.**
 - No sweatpants, velour, athletic shorts, jeggings/leggings, or stretchable knit clothing.



Tiger Spirit Class Competition Days

- The last Friday of each month is our Tiger Spirit Class Competition. Students are encouraged to dress or accessorize according to the theme of the month. Classes will have competitions for the highest percentage of involvement. Notices of the spirit themes will be communicated via class news, the marquee, the school website, and the monthly phone messages.
- The rules of modesty and fit apply to all Spirit Days.