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School Uniforms
Policy Series: 3000 Students

Policy No. 3220

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the adoption and implementation of school uniform requirements in accordance with Utah law, which authorizes local boards of education to determine whether school uniforms will be required within the District. This policy ensures that any decision regarding school uniforms is made at the local level, reflects community input, and supports the educational mission of the District.

This policy is intended to promote a safe, orderly, and positive learning environment by outlining expectations for student dress when uniforms are adopted, while also respecting student rights and accommodating individual circumstances as required by law. The District is committed to ensuring that any uniform policy is implemented fairly, does not create undue financial burden on families, and includes appropriate provisions for exemptions and assistance.

Definitions

1. "Principal" includes the chief administrator of a school that does not have a principal.
2. "School Uniform" means special clothing items or shoes that meet specific requirements (including a specific color, style, fabric, or imprint) that students are required to provide and wear during school attendance and that are the property of the student. "School uniform" does not include "school activity clothing," which is special shoes or items of clothing required to be worn for a course-related or program-related activity that the student rents while participating in the activity or that become the student's property upon exiting the activity, course, or program.

41 **School student uniform policies authorized**

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43 School principals may, as set out in this policy, require students enrolled at a school to wear a
44 designated school uniform during the school day.

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47 **School uniform policy**

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49 The school uniform policy may not include very expensive or prescriptive clothing requirements
50 unless the school uniform requirements are to be considered a fee. (In that case, the school
51 uniform requirements would need to be approved as a fee under [Policy 6160 School Fees and](#)
52 [Fee Waivers](#). In addition, the policy shall:

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- 54 1. Protect students' free exercise of religious beliefs;
- 55 2. Specify whether the uniform policy is voluntary or mandatory for students;
- 56 3. Specify whether the uniform policy has an opt-out provision in addition to principal-
57 approved exemptions for extenuating circumstances;
- 58 4. Include a provision for financial assistance to families who cannot afford to purchase a
59 required uniform, which may include:
 - 60 a. The school providing school uniforms to students;
 - 61 b. The school making used school uniforms available to students; or
 - 62 c. Other programs to make school uniforms available to economically
63 disadvantaged students.

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65 A school uniform policy is not considered a fee for either an elementary or a secondary school
66 unless the policy requires clothing that is expensive or prescriptive.

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69 **Parent-initiated uniform policy**

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71 ~~Parents of students attending a school may petition the principal to initiate, modify, or~~
72 ~~discontinue a uniform policy for that school. Upon receipt of such a petition signed by parents of~~
73 ~~students enrolled in the school for the following year and of 20% of the school's students, the~~
74 ~~principal is required to submit the question to parents of students subject to the proposed policy.~~

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76 ~~Parents of students attending a school may petition the principal to initiate, modify, or~~
77 ~~discontinue a school uniform policy. If the principal receives a petition signed by parents~~
78 ~~representing at least 20% of the students enrolled for the following school year, the principal~~
79 ~~must submit the question to all parents of students who would be affected by the proposed~~
80 ~~policy. Only parents of students subject to the proposed policy or change may vote at this~~
81 ~~election, limited to one vote per family. The principal shall establish the manner and time of this~~
82 ~~election. If a majority of the parents who vote on the uniform policy approve of the proposal~~
83 ~~(either to initiate, modify or discontinue a school uniform policy), then the principal will move~~

84 ~~forward to implement the proposal. To avoid frequent changes, Board decisions on uniform~~
85 ~~policies will be in place for a minimum of four years.~~
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87 Parents of students attending a school may petition the principal to implement, modify, or
88 discontinue a school uniform policy. If the principal receives a petition signed by parents
89 representing at least 20% of the students enrolled for the following school year, the principal
90 shall submit the question to the parents of all students who would be affected by the proposed
91 policy. Only parents of students subject to the proposed policy or change may vote, with one
92 vote permitted per family. The principal shall determine the time and manner of the election.

93 If a majority of the parents voting approve the proposal to implement, modify, or discontinue the
94 school uniform policy, the principal shall proceed with implementation of the approved proposal.
95 To promote consistency and avoid frequent changes, any approved school uniform policy shall
96 remain in effect for a minimum of four years.
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98 99 **District-level uniform policy**

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101 ~~The Board of Education may implement a uniform policy for all schools in the District, or may~~
102 ~~modify or discontinue an existing uniform policy, subject to the approval of a majority of those~~
103 ~~voting at an election held to consider the question. Only parents of students subject to the~~
104 ~~proposed policy or change may vote at this election, limited to one vote per family. The Board~~
105 ~~shall establish the manner and time of this election. The Board shall also submit for approval a~~
106 ~~proposal to implement, modify or discontinue a District uniform policy upon receipt of a petition~~
107 ~~signed by the parents of 20% of the District's students enrolled for the following school year. To~~
108 ~~avoid frequent changes, Board decisions on uniform policies will be in place for a minimum of~~
109 ~~four years.~~
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111 The Board of Education may implement, modify, or discontinue a District-wide uniform policy,
112 subject to approval by a majority of those voting in an election held to consider the proposal.
113 Only parents of students who would be subject to the proposed policy or change may vote, with
114 one vote allowed per family. The Board shall determine the time and manner of the election.
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116 The Board shall also submit a proposal to implement, modify, or discontinue a District-wide
117 uniform policy upon receipt of a petition signed by the parents of at least 20% of the students
118 enrolled in the District for the following school year.
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120 To promote consistency and avoid frequent changes, any Board decision regarding a uniform
121 policy shall remain in effect for a minimum of four years.
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127 **Public hearing**

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129 Prior to formally adopting, modifying, or discontinuing a school uniform policy, the principal or
130 Board of Education shall hold a public hearing on the matter.

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133 **Parent approval required to implement, modify, or discontinue**

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135 Before any school or district-wide uniform policy may be initiated, modified, or discontinued, that
136 action must be approved by a majority of those voting at an election held for that purpose. Only
137 parents of students subject to the proposed policy or change may vote at this election, limited to
138 one vote per family. The principal or Board shall establish the manner and time of this election.

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141 **Limitation on vote to discontinue uniform policy**

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143 A vote to discontinue an adopted uniform policy may not take place during the first four years of
144 the policy's operation.

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147 **Exemption from uniform policy**

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149 A school uniform policy shall include a provision which authorizes the principal, in his or her
150 discretion, to grant individual students an exemption from complying with the uniform policy
151 because of extenuating circumstances. Students shall utilize the procedures outlined in Policy
152 3328: Resolution of Student Complaints, if they desire a review of a denial of a requested
153 exemption from the uniform policy or a related complaint.

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156 **Legal References**

157 [Utah Code § 53G-7-501\(14\), \(16\) \(2025\)](#)

158 [Utah Code § 53G-7-801 \(2023\)](#)

159 [Utah Code § 53G-7-802 \(2019\)](#)

160 [Utah Code § 53G-7-501\(14\), \(16\) \(2025\)](#)

161 [Utah Code § 53G-7-801\(9\) \(2023\)](#)

162 [Utah Code § 53G-7-802\(2\), \(3\), \(4\), \(5\) \(2019\)](#)

163 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803 \(2019\)](#)

164 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803 \(2019\)](#)

165 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803\(2\) \(2019\)](#)

166 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803\(2\) \(2019\)](#)

167 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803\(4\)\(b\) \(2019\)](#)

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