



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Research has consistently shown that wearing of school uniforms has had a positive effect on student attitudes, student attendance and academic performance. A higher standard of dress encourages greater respect for individuals, students, and others which results in higher standard of behavior.

Our dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress during normal school days. Six Mile Charter Academy reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the school year. Students are expected to follow these guidelines. I would like to remind parents that **all students are expected to wear a school uniform with requisite logos (both top and bottom) for the 2010-2011 school year. School uniforms are to be purchased through the designated uniform company, All Uniform Wear (www.alluniformwear.com)**. The uniform company has opened a store on 11286 S. Cleveland Avenue.

One change has been made to the uniform selection that will affect entering students into 6th, 7th. And 8th grades. We have transitioned to a dark blue polo shirt for our middle grades instead of the light blue button-down shirt. Students who have the light blue button-down shirts may still wear the shirt during this time of transition. P.E uniforms for middle school can also be purchased through All Uniform Wear.

New Students who start school during the school year are required to wear a dark blue Polo-type shirt. This shirt must be worn until all other uniform shirts are ordered and delivered. Khaki or navy blue pants, shorts/skortis must be worn until the purchased uniforms are delivered. ALL NEW students must make an appointment to order uniforms within 5 school days of starting SMCA at the All Uniform Wear store located at **11286 South Cleveland Ave** in Fort Myers. NO JEANS/DENIM except on designated "jean days".

Hair & Make-up: Hair must be neat and clean with no "unnatural" colors, i.e., fluorescent, bright green, fohawks, mohawks, spikes, etc. Blonde highlights are allowed. Hair that is distracting to the educational setting will not be allowed. Hats may be worn at recess and PE ONLY. No bandanas may be worn. NO make-up can be worn in school. Students wearing make-up will be asked to remove it in the nurse's office or a parent will be called to assist the student.

Shoes: Students must wear closed shoes at all times. No boots of any kind or shoes with metal tips may be worn. No stacked or pumped shoes may be worn. No sandals or "Crocs". We recommend appropriate sneakers or flat dress shoes. NO roller-skate shoes allowed.

Socks: Socks must be worn at all times and **must** be solid in color.

Shirts: All shirts **MUST** be tucked in and buttoned at all times. Shirts must be purchased from the designated uniform company. If undershirts are worn, they **MUST** be white.

Slacks/Shorts/Etc.: All uniform slacks/shorts/skirts/skortis/etc. are to be purchased from the uniform company. They must be worn at the waist with a belt and be in good repair.

Belts: A **solid** black or brown belt must be worn at all times with any article of clothing that has belt loops. The belt should be fitted around the waist so that the excess length can be tucked in loops and NOT hanging.

Jewelry: Boys and girls may not wear body piercing other than earrings in the ear lobe. One earring per ear may be worn. Only a stud earring or small hoop may be worn for safety purpose. Limited jewelry can be worn, such as watch, small bracelet, and thin necklace. Necklace should hang inside of the school uniform NOT on top for safety purposes. Silly Bandz and their likeness are not allowed.

General: At no time are students to wear anything offensive, immodest, or deemed inappropriate by the faculty. ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE LABELED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME.

PE Clothing: Elementary (K-5) students may wear the school PE t-shirt ONLY on PE days. Middle school (6-8) students will change into REQUIRED school uniform purchased through designated uniform company for PE class.

Students may ONLY wear dark blue/navy school sweaters, sweatshirts, and/or fleece, purchased through the uniform company, if chilly during the school day. School sweatshirts and fleece jackets are outerwear only. No clothing may be tied around a student's waist.

DRESS CODE DISCIPLINE POLICY:

	K-2	3-8
First incident	Warning contact	Warning contact
2nd incident	Parent Contact	Parent Contact w/uniform delivered
3rd incident	Lunch detention	Lunch detention
4th incident	Lunch detention	Removal from class until proper Dress Code is followed

GRADES 6-8: BACKPACKS AND PURSES MUST STAY IN LOCKERS AT ALL TIMES.

Educationally Yours,

Patricia G. Duffy
Principal