

UNION ACADEMY MAGNET SCHOOL 2018-2019 UNIFORM POLICY

All Union Academy students wear uniforms to promote the academic environment. Every student wears a uniform as a source of pride while “dressed to learn” each school day. The dress code is set by the ***Uniform Committee*** comprised of UA staff and approved by the ***School Advisory Council***. ***Union Academy Teachers & Support Staff make a uniform check of their students before first period each day.***

General:

Clothing must be clean. Torn or frayed clothing is not permitted. All shirts must be tucked in properly with waistbands visible and belted. Clothing must be the appropriate size and worn as intended as determined by the administration. **Any apparel or accessories that may cause a distraction are prohibited at school.**

Bottoms: Tan or navy blue twill uniform pants, shorts or skorts.

Uniform bottoms that meet the uniform code may be ordered or purchased from stores that carry bottoms that meet the UA uniform criteria (**see important details below**).

Shorts/pants have flat/pleated fronts.

Shorts/skorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

Designer logos cannot be larger than a quarter.

Pants are worn at the waist. No undergarments should be visible.

If there are belt loops, a belt must be visible, and belt loops may not be removed. Belts must be solid (no writing, visible stitching or embellishments) black, brown, tan or dark blue color with small buckles.

No embroidery, patches, laces, stripes, decorative stitching, or shining and glittery embellishments are allowed.

Tops: Solid navy, gray, white or burgundy UA collared shirts & UA t-shirts.

Shirts must have a collar on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

Shirts are tucked in at all times so the belt is visible.

Pullover and zipped sweatshirts must either have a Union Academy logo or be a solid navy blue color with no logo.

Solid-colored undershirts may be worn but must be white, black, or gray.

The sleeves of the undershirt may not be longer than the sleeves of the uniform shirt.

Physical Education clothing may not be worn under a uniform.

Shoes, Socks, Hats, and Jewelry:

A casual or athletic shoe that encloses and supports the entire foot is permitted.

Socks must be white, navy, gray or black. Small logos, no larger than a quarter, are permitted.

Hats, sunglasses, visors, bandanas, etc. are not to be worn. All hair apparel must be a solid color and plain with no lettering.

Purses must be no larger than 8½ inches by 11 inches. No backpack purses or tote bags.

Earrings may be worn no longer than 2 inches below the ear and no excessive ear embellishments.

Nose rings, nose piercings, earplug gauges or tapers are NOT permitted.

No large, heavy chains with medallions, pendants or any hanging ornaments. Chains are not permitted.

No heavy, thick studded bracelets, neck collars, or any item that may cause injury or used as a weapon.

Other:

Hair must not be distracting to the learning process. No colored hair such as green, blue, pink etc.

No designs or writing may be shaved or cut into the hair.

Writing or Pictures: No writing or drawing on clothing or skin is permitted.

Backpacks and duffle or tote bags are NOT allowed. PE clothes will be carried in plastic bags.

Cold Weather Policy

Hoods are permissible but cannot be worn during school hours. Heavy garments are not to be worn inside the classroom. Jackets and sweaters may not be worn around the waist or neck.

For temperatures below 60 degrees: students may wear any color heavy coat and knit hat to school. These items must be removed once in the classroom.

Special Dress-Out Days:

Students must adhere to the criteria in the Polk County School Board's Code of Conduct.

- **Thursdays:** Students have the option of wearing a Union Academy t-shirt. Uniform bottoms must be worn. All students may only wear the current t-shirt available in navy, burgundy, gray and white.
- **Fridays:** Students have the option of wearing their Union Academy t-shirt as specified above. Students may wear Union Academy Spirit Shirts if they are in the club during the current school year.
- **Jeans Days:** There are occasional "Jeans Days" announced throughout the school year. Students may wear jeans based on the directions of the event organizer. Jeans must not have holes, rips, or embellishments. All jeans must fit properly. Students may wear embellished belts & boots on Jean Days. Students must still bring athletic shoes for P.E.
- **Field Trip Days:** Students must meet the Union Academy dress code requirements.

Dress Code Infractions:

All students are expected to fully comply with the required uniform dress code as agreed upon by the parent/guardian signature on the Union Academy Contract.

- During the student's first week at Union Academy, students are issued a dress code reminder to be returned with the parent/guardian signature.
- Subsequent dress code violations will result in a meeting with the principal or assistant principal to discuss the concern.
- All students and parents are expected to work cooperatively with Union Academy to meet the high expectations of our parents and staff. If a student is not dressed appropriately, a parent will be called to bring proper clothing.

Parents and visitors of all ages are expected to set a proper example to students. Guests are expected to dress appropriately when visiting school or chaperoning field trips.