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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.

School student uniform policies authorized

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

School uniform policy

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

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

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

Parent-initiated uniform policy

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

Parents of students attending a school may petition the principal to initiate, modify, or discontinue a school uniform policy. If the principal receives a petition signed by parents representing at least 20% of the students enrolled for the following school year, the principal must submit the question to all parents of students who would be affected by the proposed policy.

District-level uniform policy

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86 The Board of Education may implement a uniform policy for all schools in the District, or may
87 modify or discontinue an existing uniform policy, subject to the approval of a majority of those
88 voting at an election held to consider the question. Only parents of students subject to the
89 proposed policy or change may vote at this election, limited to one vote per family. The Board
90 shall establish the manner and time of this election. The Board shall also submit for approval a
91 proposal to implement, modify or discontinue a District uniform policy upon receipt of a petition
92 signed by the parents of 20% of the District's students **enrolled for the following school year. To**
93 **avoid frequent changes, Board decisions on uniform policies will be in place for a minimum of**
94 **four years.**

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97 **Public hearing**

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

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

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

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

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

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117 **Exemption from uniform policy**

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119 A school uniform policy shall include a provision which authorizes the principal, in his or her
120 discretion, to grant individual students an exemption from complying with the uniform policy
121 because of extenuating circumstances. Students shall utilize the procedures outlined in Policy
122 3328: **Resolution of Student Complaints**, if they desire a review of a denial of a requested
123 exemption from the uniform policy or a related complaint.

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126 **Legal References**

127 [Utah Code § 53G-7-501\(14\), \(16\) \(2025\)](#)
128 [Utah Code § 53G-7-801 \(2023\)](#)

- 129 [Utah Code § 53G-7-802 \(2019\)](#)
- 130 [Utah Code § 53G-7-501\(14\), \(16\) \(2025\)](#)
- 131 [Utah Code § 53G-7-801\(9\) \(2023\)](#)
- 132 [Utah Code § 53G-7-802\(2\), \(3\), \(4\), \(5\) \(2019\)](#)
- 133 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803 \(2019\)](#)
- 134 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803 \(2019\)](#)
- 135 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803\(2\) \(2019\)](#)
- 136 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803\(2\) \(2019\)](#)
- 137 [Utah Code § 53G-7-803\(4\)\(b\) \(2019\)](#)
- 138 [Utah Code § 53G-7-802\(5\) \(2019\)](#)

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