Uniform Polo: White, Navy, Sky Blue, Yellow

**Uniform Pants:** Navy, Khaki

## **M-DCPS Uniform Policy**

School Board Policy 5511, Dress Code and School Uniforms, requires all students in grades K-8 (elementary school, K-8 Centers, and middle schools) to participate in a mandatory school uniform program. Policy and process provisions allowing schools to select the school uniform will not be changed and no-uniform days may be authorized by the principal for specific purposes such as fundraising, rewards, spirit days, and club days.

## Compliance with a mandatory uniform policy shall be implemented as follows

Students are encouraged to be in compliance with the school uniform policy on the first day of school. However, principals have the ability to allow parents and guardians a grace period of thirty (30) days to allow adequate time to obtain uniforms and to encourage reluctant families to become part of the school uniform program.

Each school shall develop incentives and positive reinforcement measures to encourage full compliance with the uniform policy. The school may resort to disciplinary action only when positive measures fail to ensure compliance. If a student is non-compliant, the school will communicate with his or her parents so that expectations, rationale and benefits are fully understood by the student and his or her family. Disciplinary action is initiated only after all other means of securing support and cooperation have not succeeded. Prior to initiating any disciplinary action against a student for not complying with the policy, a school administrator or counselor shall hold a conference with the parent to solicit cooperation and support.

Disciplinary action may be taken to encourage compliance with the policy only after all other means to secure support and cooperation have not succeeded. Schools shall use "progressive discipline" to encourage full and consistent compliance with the least amount of disciplinary action. Since the intent of the policy is not to inhibit or prohibit any student who is not in uniform from receiving the education to which they are entitled, no student shall be suspended from class or from school, expelled from school, or receive a lowered academic grade as a result of noncompliance. A student may be issued a detention if all other means of securing support and cooperation have not succeeded.

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