

Petrides School - Educational Excellence for the 21st Century

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Dear Parents,

Please be advised that after consultation with parents, teachers, students, and administrators, the School Leadership Team has decided to adopt a uniform policy at Petrides beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

The school uniform policy is intended to help schools promote a more effective learning climate; foster school unity and pride; improve student performance; foster self-esteem; eliminate label competition; simplify dressing and minimize costs to parents; teach children appropriate dress and decorum in their “work” place; and help to improve student conduct and discipline.

Beginning in September 2015, Identified School Uniform (see details below) clothing will be **REQUIRED** for students in grades Pre K through 8 (Elementary and Middle School students) and **OPTIONAL** for students in grades 9 through 12 (High School students).

School Uniform will be comprised of the following:

- Light blue shirt (short or long sleeves/polo or button down), *Petrides logo not required.*
- Navy blue pants or navy blue skirt/jumper.
- Suggested socks: anklets or navy knee socks or tights; shoes not specified.

You must purchase uniforms directly and may buy clothing that satisfies the uniform requirement at any vendor/store of your choice. There are many purchasing options at various price points; for example, pants, skirts, cardigans, and any other uniform accessories can be purchased at any store- J.C. Penny’s, Kohl’s Old Navy, Gap, Cookies Uniform Store or Children’s Place.

The PTA has selected several vendors who will carry (Petrides logoed) school uniform apparel including Kidz Place (Forest Avenue Shopping Center), Lands End (Landsend.com) and Joseph Sports, LLC.

For the convenience of parents, a representative of Joseph Sports, LLC will be available at Petrides (Gymnasium) to size students and take school uniform orders for polo shirts, Adidas track suits and personalized Petrides bookbags; items ordered will be available for pick up prior to the start of the new school year.

PARENTAL RIGHT TO SECURE AN EXEMPTION:

Please be advised that parents have the right to secure an exemption from the policy. In order to secure an exemption, the student’s parent must:

- Complete and return an Exemption Form (Attachment No. 1) to the principal of the school, and send a copy to the District Family Advocate or the Borough Director as appropriate:
- Have a conference with a designated school official who will fully explain the reasons for and benefits of the school’s uniform policy to the parent; and
- Agree that the student will wear appropriate dress, as determined by the principal; i.e. clothing that does not constitute a health or safety hazard and that is not disruptive to the education process.

In the event that you are not able to afford to purchase a uniform, you may contact the school to discuss other options. In addition, families of elementary and middle school students may also contact the District Family Advocate and/or Borough Director to request financial assistance. All such requests will be kept confidential.

Failure to wear the required school uniform will result in disciplinary consequences in line with the Chancellor's Disciplinary Code and can include student/teacher conference and parent conference.

Staff member Jeannine Troost is available to answer any additional questions or concerns regarding the School Uniform Policy. She can be reached at (718) 815-0186 ext. 31111.

Sincerely,

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