

2018 - 2019 Uniform Policy

AIMS believes that wearing uniforms is beneficial for the student for the following reasons:

- A. Helps academic success
- B. Places emphasis on learning, not clothing
- C. Reduces peer pressure and social stigmas
- D. Facilitates security by identifying outsiders
- E. Encourages distinction of character and personality, instead of appearance
- F. Allows for cohesive presentation as a group
- G. Enhances school spirit
- H. Lowers long-term clothing costs

Please adhere to the following AIMS Uniform Policy:

- Uniforms will be required Monday through Thursday
- Uniforms must consist of the following:
 - *Pants*- Navy or Khaki Chinos. Pants may be cotton, cotton-blend, or corduroy. Pants can have elastic waist. Yoga pants, tights, or “jeggings” are not acceptable.
 - *Skirts, Jumpers, and Skorts*- Navy, Khaki, or Plaid; can be cotton, cotton-blend, or corduroy; must be knee-level or longer and can have an elastic waist. A collared blouse or polo shirt must be worn under jumper and the jumper must be embroidered with the AIMS logo.
 - *Shorts*- Navy or Khaki; shorts must be cotton, cotton-blend, or corduroy and may have an elastic waist. No gym shorts. Shorts should be “Bermuda length” for both male and female students.
 - *Shirts, Collared Dresses*- Navy, White, Light Blue, Royal Blue, Red and Pink collared polo shirts/dresses with school’s logo should be worn. A white blouse or polo must be worn under jumpers.
 - *Sweatshirts or Sweaters*- may be Pullover or Zippered – must have the school’s logo on them.
 - *Shoes or Sneakers*- Shoes/Sneakers must fit securely and be closed-toe. Light-up shoes or roller shoes are not appropriate.
- Play clothing such as, princess outfits, superhero accessories, etc. is not acceptable and should be saved for events away from school.

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- Each Friday will be a “free choice” day in which your child may choose the clothes they wear, which **must** follow the basic dress code policy explained below:

Even though AIMS has a Uniform Policy, there are some considerations to keep in mind when “free choice” clothing, outer wear, and shoes are being selected. Independence is an important Montessori principle, and therefore, clothing should not only be comfortable, but also be easy enough so the child may dress him/herself. Please choose clothes that are sized to be comfortable.

- Elastic waistbands are much easier to deal with than zippers and belted pants.
- Coats with simple fasteners and rain boots are helpful if they are about 2 sizes larger than your child’s regular size.
- *Shoes must have backs and soft soles* and be suitable for running and climbing i.e. sneakers. *Cowboy boots* or *flip-flops* are not permitted. Crocs can only be worn inside the classroom; the child must bring a change of shoes for outdoor time.
- *Indoor shoes* are to be worn inside the building at all times. This assists with indoor/outdoor transitions, helping children to appreciate the different behavior in both settings. It keeps the environment free from mud and dirt; this is essential since the children often work on the floors. Indoor shoes also keep the room quieter for the work environment.
- Children who are learning to tie laces need encouragement and every possible chance to succeed. Laces that are long enough to handle make the task even easier for the child to master.
- Please label your child’s backpack and clothing, particularly coats, gloves, umbrellas, etc.
- For younger children, please provide a complete extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag, labeled with your child’s name.
- Leggings worn under skirts, shorts, or skorts, OR socks should be solid white, beige, or navy, or a solid color which matches the shirt worn. Leggings and socks must follow these rules on “free choice” Fridays.
- Beginning in the 1st grade, because of the physical development of children, no tank tops, spaghetti strap shirts, or short skirts are to be worn. Wearing a jacket does not constitute compliance with this rule.
- Please, no unnatural hair colors such as blue, pink, purple, green, etc.
- No clothing should cover the face. This includes ski hats, winter hoods, hoodies, etc.
- So that a child can learn effectively, all hair should be neatly groomed and out of the child’s face while on campus. All long hair must be secured via modest tie back, hair elastic bands or headbands.
- Friday “free choice” clothing must be free from distractions.

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