

## Uniform Policy

The Junior High at The Odyssey Institute for Advanced and International Studies 2016-2017 Uniform Policy The Governing Board of The Odyssey Preparatory Academy and The Odyssey Institute for Advanced and International Studies supports the establishment and enforcement of a school uniform. It is their belief that the wearing of a school uniform by scholars of The Odyssey Preparatory Academy assists in creating an environment conducive to a quality learning opportunity for the children that attend Odyssey. Parents enrolling their scholars in The Odyssey Preparatory Academy agree to comply with the Uniform Policy at all times. Uniforms are available for purchase at Absolute Screen Printing, 407 E. Monroe Ave, Buckeye, AZ

The ONLY APPROVED shirts for boys and girls enrolled in grades 6-8 are the short sleeved or long sleeved gray uniform shirt with the Odyssey logo.

The ONLY APPROVED pants/shorts for boys and girls grades 6-8 are Dickie's uniform line black pants/shorts. Capri pants are available for girls. Skirts and skorts are NOT approved wear at The Junior High at The Odyssey Institute.

**OUTERWEAR** Any appropriate jacket may be worn to school but only the approved Odyssey sweatshirts may be worn in the classroom. Non-Odyssey wear must be removed when scholars enter the school building. This outerwear shall not be worn at any other time during the school day with the exception of lunch if the scholar chooses to go outside during inclement weather. Non-Odyssey approved outwear is not to be worn in the hallways or classrooms at all during the school day. Odyssey sweatshirts and hoodies must be purchased through the Odyssey Spirit Store or the Parent Portal.

### DRESS CODE

All clothing will: Be clean and neat Be the appropriate size (not skin tight or too large) Not be torn, tattered or written on Not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard as determined by The Odyssey Preparatory Academy administration Uniform shirts will: Have only a short-sleeved undershirt or WHITE or Black long-sleeved Shirt (Optional) Tucked in at the waist at all times Pants will: Be pulled up and snug above the hips Be no longer than just above the sole of the shoe Shorts will: Be no shorter than knee length Be no longer than the top of the knee Jewelry/Piercings will: Be kept to a minimum Not include any piercing of visible body parts other than the ear/ears Not include large hoop or large dangle style earrings Include only appropriate neckwear, bracelets and belts Not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard Footwear will: Be required at all times Be lace up athletic shoes tied snugly at all times

Hair will: Not be an extreme style (ex: no Mohawks) Be only natural hair colors Not interfere with the educational process or present a safety hazard as determined by the Odyssey administration

Headwear will: Only be worn outside the building and can be worn during recess and P.E. Be restricted to school appropriate designs that are not vulgar, violent, obscene, or gang related Not include "do-rags", bandanas or sweatbands Tattoos and body art will: Not be allowed (including permanent, temporary, henna or any other types of tattoos or body art) Temporary tattoos or body art will be washed off immediately Permanent and henna tattoos or body art will be covered at all times Backpacks/Binders will: Be free of patches and any student writing Be free of logos, symbols or pictures that represent something illegal, violent, illicit or suggestive Subject to search by an Odyssey employee at any time, with or without warning

**UNIFORM VIOLATIONS** Students not wearing proper uniforms will receive a referral. Uniform violations deemed excessive by the Odyssey Board of Directors will result in expulsion from school.