

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Mandatory School Uniform Policy

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School has a detailed dress code (see “A” on the back of this sheet), which in turn is based on the Glendale Unified School District dress code (see “B” on the back), both of which ensure that our students’ clothing allows for a safe and non-distracting learning environment. Since the 1990s, Thomas Jefferson Elementary has also had a mandatory uniform policy which was reinstated during the 2013-2014 school year following the majority vote of our families.

Research has demonstrated that the school uniform establishes:

- A learning scholarly community
- Pride in school
- Professionalism as a student
- Positive attitude and increased self-confidence and esteem
- Behavior appropriate to a learning environment
- A clear focus on learning, rather than on fashionable outfits

At Jefferson Elementary ALL students MUST wear school uniform on a daily basis. The uniform consists of:

- ***Dark blue pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers or sweatpants***
- ***White, yellow, navy and royal blue tops (no light blue): shirts, blouses, sweaters, jackets & sweatshirts***
- ***Top and pants must be completely plain or have the school logo.***
- ***Levi style jeans, or skinny jeans are not acceptable***
- ***Pants must not have stripes or logos.***



Examples

Shoes must be tied and low heeled for safety purposes. No sandals or beach-wear. Heels must be securely strapped. Athletic/tennis shoes are recommended.

Uniforms may be purchased at most major department stores, such as Target, Sears, J.C. Penny’s or Kohl’s, Walmart, etc.

Uniforms with the Jefferson logo are available for purchase through the Jefferson Parent Teacher Association (PTA). You may contact the PTA at thomasjeffersonpta@gmail.com to make a purchase or if you have any questions.

When a student’s outfit violates the Jefferson Mandatory Uniform Policy or the GUSD Dress Code, a phone call is made home for parents to provide a change of clothing. Further disciplinary action will be taken if the violations of the Policy and Dress Code continue.

A. Thomas Jefferson Elementary Dress Code

1. It is appropriate to wear clothing that fits; **NO oversized shirts, tops, pants, or jackets.**
2. Pants/shorts must fit at the student's waist. Pants may not be wider than 9 inches at the knee. Pants may not be unhemmed, slit-legged or frayed trimmed.
3. For grades 4-6, shorts, skirts, and dresses must be hemmed and no shorter than mid-thigh.
4. No mid-riff length tops allowed. Blouses must not reveal bare mid-riff when arms are raised above the head. No spaghetti straps. Straps must be at least one inch wide in 4th-6th grade. Low necklines, backless tops, or see-through clothing are not allowed.
5. NO logos with sexual, crude, profane, violent, drug, alcohol or tobacco references are allowed. Sports logos are not allowed.
6. No open-toed/ backless or platform shoes. No in-skate shoes are allowed. All shoes worn on the playground must include ties or straps that are tied securely or buckled. All shoes must cover the foot. Flip-flops and other heel-less sandals are not allowed at any time. Shoes should cover the toes and heel, preferably with rubber soles for safety.
7. Make-up is not allowed at any time unless necessary for a school activity or performance with permission from the Office.
8. Jewelry and pierced earrings are allowed. Studs are more appropriate as loops and hanging earrings can create problems. During PE or other physical activities your child may be asked to remove any jewelry, hair decorations, or other articles for safety reasons.
9. In addition, make-up, jewelry, clothing, or extreme hairstyles/hair dye that are disruptive to the learning environment or might pose a safety hazard are not to be worn.
10. To create a favorable climate for learning, all students are expected to be clean, neat in appearance, and dressed in presentable clothing. Clothing or general appearance should not create a distraction in the classroom or negatively affect the instructional program.

B. Glendale Unified School District dress code (Administrative Regulation 5132 Section A. Attire)

1. Students must dress safely and appropriately for educational activities in which they will participate so as not to endanger their or other's health, safety, or welfare.
2. All clothing shall be neat, clean, and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for school.
3. Articles of clothing and jewelry which display gang symbols, profanity or products or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, illegal activities, sex, racial/ethnic/religious prejudice materially interfere with school work, create disorder or disrupt the educational process and; as a result, are not allowed.
4. Any clothing or apparel that a student or group of students wear to identify themselves for the purpose of harassing, threatening, or intimidating others will not be allowed.
5. Extreme fashion that has the effect of disrupting the educational process or may pose a potential safety hazard will not be allowed.
6. Clothes shall be clean so as not to promote unhealthy or unsanitary conditions. Clothes must be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. Blouses and shirt straps must be at least two inches wide. See-through fabrics which expose the body are not acceptable. Bare midriffs, tube-tops, muscle shirts, or halter-tops are prohibited.
7. Shoes must be worn by all students. No hard-toed or steel-toed shoes/boots will be allowed. Any footwear which creates a safety hazard is prohibited.
8. Attire that may be used as a weapon (e.g. steel-toed boots, chains, items with spikes or studs, etc.) may not be worn.
9. Schools may restrict head coverings to ensure a safe and disruption-free program. In general, hats, caps, and other types of head coverings shall not be worn inside buildings.
10. Schools shall allow students to wear sun-protective clothing, including but not limited to hats, for outdoor use during the school day.
11. Pupils shall not display any material or paraphernalia which incites a disruption or creates a clear and present danger of either the commission of unlawful acts on school premises or the violation of District or school-site policies or rules.
12. Gang-related apparel or paraphernalia, including symbols, emblems, insignia, or other gang identifiers, may not be worn or displayed. This rule prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, notebook, or manner of grooming which, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute, denotes membership in or affiliation with gangs. In case of doubt as to whether an item is gang-related, the principal or designee will consult with local law enforcement or other school personnel with expertise with gangs.