



Uniform Policy

South Orange County

In order to promote and instill a professional, effective, and healthy learning environment, foster school unity and community pride, eliminate social stigmas that may be attributed to attire, and to minimize distractions to allow students to focus on learning, the OPA Board and community has developed this Uniform Policy.

All students are expected to wear clothes that comply with this uniform dress code policy to school each day and on field trips. This policy has been adopted by the OPA Board of Directors in compliance with the provisions of Article IX, section 5 of the California Constitution, and Assembly Bill 1575 (effective January 1, 2013), which prohibit the charging of any student fees for participation in an educational activity at a public school.

Student Uniform Policy for TK-8 and Independent Study Programs

Monday is “Formal Attire Day” at OPA, which sets our Champions up for success for the entire week.

The required student uniform for students in grades TK-4 will consist of the following:

Monday	Jumper (aqua plaid, aqua, or black) or black dress pants, white collared button-down blouse or white collared button-down dress shirt (long or short sleeves –tucked in at all times) and tie (aqua plaid or aqua), letterman sweater or outerwear with coordinating colors (as described below)
Tuesday –Thursday	Monday uniform attire <u>OR</u> solid white or aqua polo, skort (aqua plaid, aqua, or black), shorts (aqua plaid, aqua, or black), or black dress pants, belt (or elastic waistband), letterman sweater or outerwear with coordinating colors (as described below)
Friday	University t-shirt along with dress code appropriate bottoms from own wardrobe, <u>OR</u> standard uniform attire

The required student uniform for students in grades 5-8 will consist of the following:

Monday	White collared button-down blouse or white collared button-down dress shirt (long or short sleeves – tucked in at all times), tie (aqua plaid or aqua), and skirt (aqua plaid, aqua, or black) or black dress pants, belt, letterman sweater or outerwear with coordinating colors (as described below)
Tuesday –Thursday	Monday uniform attire <u>OR</u> solid white or aqua polo, skort or skirt (aqua plaid, aqua, or black), shorts (aqua plaid, aqua, or black), or black dress pants, letterman sweater or outerwear with coordinating colors (as described below)



Friday

University t-shirt along with dress code appropriate bottoms from own wardrobe, OR standard uniform attire

Shoes for all students (TK-8) will be closed toe and should coordinate with the school uniform (coordinating colors are black, white, grey, orange, silver, and aqua). Socks should also coordinate with the school uniform colors.

Uniform pieces with OPA logos are available for purchase. Students are not required to purchase their uniform from any specific vendor. Any student or parent who needs assistance with identifying or purchasing the school uniform should contact the school office. No student shall be sent home from school or denied attendance to school, or penalized academically or otherwise discriminated against, for noncompliance with this Uniform Policy. We will contact parents and provide the student with a uniform for the day. Students or parents requesting an exemption from any provision of this dress code for religious or other reasons should contact the school office.

This policy shall not preclude students that participate in a nationally-recognized youth organization from wearing organization uniforms on days that the organization has a scheduled meeting.

In addition to the above, please note the following:

- Students' classroom University or OPA spirit hats or caps are allowed for outdoor use only;
- Clothes and belts must be the appropriate size and length when worn;
- Socks, tights, and leggings should coordinate with the school uniform (coordinating colors are black, white, grey, silver, orange, and aqua); and
- All outerwear (such as jackets, hoodies, sweaters and sweatshirts) should coordinate with the school uniform (coordinating colors are black, white, grey, silver, orange, and aqua); and
- All items, unless otherwise indicated, must be solid color.

The following items are considered inappropriate and are contrary to the Uniform Policy:

- Clothing that contains any pattern, design, or logo that is disruptive or inappropriate, vulgar, violent, or discriminatory. OPA does not tolerate any clothing or other personal items that promote drugs, gangs, alcohol, smoking, sex, profanity, or violence;
- Clothing which allows undergarments to be seen;
- Distracting hair styles, such as mohawks, spiked hair and unnatural colored hair (e.g., orange, blue, green);
- Roller shoes/Heelys;
- Make-up for 7th and 8th graders: should be natural, light make-up only with no eyeliner and no lipstick; and
- Clothing that is excessively large or tight.

PLEASE NOTE: In any cases concerning interpretation of this Uniform Policy, OPA reserves the right to determine what constitutes proper compliance.