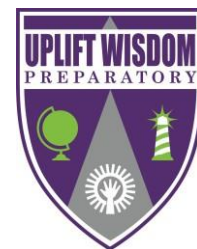


# Uplift Wisdom High School

## Uniform Policy 24-25



**Starting from the upcoming academic year, our updated high school uniform expectations will include the following changes:**

1. **Professional Dress Mondays:** We will maintain the professional dress code on Mondays to instill a sense of confidence and preparedness among our scholars. However, we will now offer expanded options within the professional attire guidelines, allowing for greater individual expression and comfort. We are also making the Uplift blazer optional for Professional Dress Mondays.
2. **Branded Shirt Options and Bottoms for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays:** To meet the desire for increased variety, we are excited to introduce a wider range of branded shirt options for our high school students. This will allow them to showcase their unique personalities while still maintaining a sense of unity and school pride. Additionally, we will expand the options for bottoms, providing greater flexibility in terms of color and fit.
3. **Free Dress Fridays:** As a gesture of appreciation for our scholars' dedication and hard work throughout the week, we are implementing Free Dress Fridays. Scholars will have the freedom to choose their attire while adhering to our school's dress code guidelines.

<b>Monday</b>  <i>Professional Dress</i>	<p>Choose from the Uplift branded professional dress options (ties, dresses, skirts, cardigans, blazers*)</p> <p><b>*Black blazer is optional for grades 11 and 12, but highly recommended</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Button-down white Oxford Shirt (must be tucked in)</li> <li>● Pants: Khaki or Black, no denim</li> <li>● Permitted Shoes: dress shoes, loafers, sneakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Black Soles are <b>NOT</b> allowed, ONLY Tan, White, Beige or any Light Color Sole</li> </ul> </li> <li>● A solid black belt is optional unless there are repeated concerns with exposed undergarments (in which case it will be required).</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday Wednesday Thursday</b>  <i>Business Casual</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Polo shirt: Allowed colors included: Black (9), White (10), Gray (11), or Green (12) with logos no larger than a standard Post-it Note. Branded shirt options, including t-shirts, dri- fit shirts, and sweatshirts from approved vendors are also acceptable</li> <li>● Outerwear must be a solid, or school colored cardigan, sweater vest, button up or zip up jacket with logos no larger than a standard Post-it Note. All outwear must be Wisdom Gear</li> <li>● Hoodies/Sweatshirts: Uplift/Wisdom issued only</li> <li>● Solid White/Black Undershirt (If wearing Oxford)</li> <li>● Pants: Khaki or Black, no denim</li> <li>● Solid, dark colored or white socks</li> <li>● Permitted Shoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dress shoes</li> <li>○ Loafers</li> <li>○ Sneakers</li> <li>■ Black Soles are <b>NOT</b> allowed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● A solid black belt is optional unless there are repeated concerns with exposed undergarments in which case it will be required</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>  <i>Free Dress Fridays</i>	<p>Scholars may wear business casual (See Tuesday-Thursday section) or Friday Free Dress attire.</p> <p>Clothing may not be see-through or revealing (including holes and tears). "Ripped" jeans may be worn only if rips are at or below the knee.</p>

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### *Free Dress Fridays*

Scholars can wear closed toed and heeled shoes with non-marking soles. Shoes must also have a solid heel strap that cannot be removed. Scholars must not wear shoes with soles that scuff or mark the floor. Cowboy boots, Slides or Crocs are not allowed.

Outerwear: 2 additional Hoodie options are allowed on Fridays beyond the Wisdom hoodie: college/university or military. No other brands are permitted and hoods are never to be worn on the head inside the building..

### **Sweatshirts/Outerwear**

- All hoodies, sweats, jackets need to have the Wisdom crest, mascot or affiliation on them. No exceptions, no other sweats, jackets or hoodies will be permitted.
- Hoods down must remain down at all times of the day

### **ID Badges**

- Once received, must be worn at all times – Lost Badges and Lanyards will have a cost of \$5.00

### **Shoes**

- Scholars **MUST** wear closed-toed and heeled shoes with non-marking soles.
- Shoes **MUST** also have a solid heel strap that cannot be removed.
- Scholars are allowed to wear any Color shoes however, Black Soles are **NOT** allowed, **ONLY** Tan, White, Beige or any Light Color Sole
- **Crocs are NOT allowed**

### **Enforcement**

- 1st and 2nd offense- Lunch Detention
- 3rd offense and after-ISS or Scholar waits in main office for parents to bring replacement
- After 5th offense- Parent conference

### **Specialty products and services may be found here:**

- Levine Uniforms

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PH: 214-330-8186 | Hours: Mon-Sat 9:00am-8:00pm| Sun 11:00am-6:00pm

## **General Expectations**

The following general expectations apply to dress and grooming at all times, including spirit and dress down fundraiser days:

- Inappropriate, offensive, or disruptive clothing or other items are prohibited
- Skirts must reach the back of the knee; scholars must wear shorts or bloomers under their skirts.
- Shorts may not be worn during classes. They are a required part of physical education, sports, and athletic clubs for all scholars (though leggings can be worn underneath).
  - Clothing may not be excessively tight or baggy, including leggings or jeggings. Pajama or pajama pants are not allowed. Crocs are NOT allowed
- Clothing may not be excessively wrinkled or disheveled
- Hoods and hats may not be donned at any time inside the building.
- Blankets may not be worn inside the building.
- For safety, necklaces must be removed or tucked away when doing a lab or something physical. Earrings or other facial piercings cannot create a safety risk (example: lab work or physical activity) that would prohibit a scholar from participating in learning or could pose a safety risk to others.
- Any item that is continuing to disrupt teaching and learning will be collected and held in the HS Administrative Office until the end of the day.
- Spirit Days will have their own rules while operating within the general expectations.

## **Professional Dress Days**

Students will be required to wear professional dress on days other than Mondays, as is aligned with the formal nature of the event. Specific examples include the MYP Personal Project Exhibition Day, Career Day, visits from college recruitment offices, Career trips, College visits, or other formal days set on the calendar.

## **Saturday School or Extracurricular Events**

Students who choose to participate in school functions outside of the school day (including field trips, Saturday school, sporting events, family events) are required to abide by the general expectations outlined above.

## **High School Scholar Athletes and Club Members**

On game days or major event days, scholar athletes or club members may wear their sport jersey, top, or t-shirt (does not have to be tucked in) with the regular school dress code bottoms and school dress code shoes.

Scholars with games, meets, or events falling on a Saturday can wear their team/club gear on the preceding Friday.

## **OUR WHY: DRESS CODE AND COLLEGE READY APPEARANCE**

All high school scholars must come to school in dress code every day. If a scholar arrives to school out of dress code, parents/guardians will be informed initially and asked to address the violations before student enters the building or bring in appropriate dress before the scholar will be allowed to return to class. If a parent is unwilling or unable to do so, the scholar will need to perform a restorative service to the school, with consequences for not adhering to the uniform policy increasing after that.

Why do we take the uniform so seriously? We have a required dress code for several reasons:

- The Dress Code unites us as a community
- The Dress Code reduces distractions and costly, distracting clothing competitions
- The Dress code makes us look professional and **college ready** to anyone visiting our campus or seeing our scholars in the community.
- Code-switching to fit the audience and occasion is an important life skill. Just as you will dress differently as you attend a formal or semi-formal event, so to do we all wear clothing at work that fits the requirements of the job. Your job at Uplift Wisdom HS is to be a successful scholar, aligned to our mission so we all reach it together.

**College Ready Appearance:** When meeting with University Representatives, visiting college campuses, or when connecting with the community at large, scholars should do all they can to build the reputation of Uplift Wisdom as a community of responsible, scholarly, and inspiring young people. Our collective reputation is absolutely in our control and something we all need to help to create. We want all visitors to our campus to depart with an absolute appreciation for just how talented we are as a team. Word will spread, either way. For this reason, any scholar who comes to a formal or semi-formal event without the proper attire may be asked to wear some type of school-provided substitution for their attire or will be asked to sit out until proper attire can be located.

**Need support?** There is funding available through our Social/Emotional Counselor for any family that is in need of financial support and particularly those who are in between homes. Parents can also contact a Grade Level Chair for support with uniforms.

**The Wisdom VIP** (Volunteer In Partnership - Parent Organization) is also excellent about collecting and redistributing gently used uniforms and these are available at the start of year kick-off event.