

Uplift Scholars and Families,

I write to you today with a full heart as another great school year ends. The end of a school year is a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our scholars, reflect on the closing school year and to look ahead to what's to come in the next school year.

At Uplift Education, we strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment for our scholars, where they can thrive both academically and individually. It is our commitment to continuously improve and adapt our policies to meet the evolving needs of our school community.

Over the course of this last semester, we have been responding to scholar and family voice about our high school uniform policy and I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your participation in our surveys and scholar focus groups. Your feedback and insights have helped shape our expanding high school uniform options that we are thrilled to announce today.

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 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.

We actively working to update our website to reflect these changes. Additionally, we are collaborating with our vendors to expand the available options to ensure a seamless transition. Your school leader will send a communication once these updates are accessible on our website.

I want to thank each of you for your partnership, for your support of Uplift, and for the many ways you contribute to our wonderful community. Should you have any further questions or concerns,

please feel free to reach out to your school office. I hope you all have a restful and restorative summer.

Warmly,

Yasmin Bhatia, CEO, and Dr. Remy Washington, President

Our expanded high school scholar uniform options include:

| High School Uniform Expectations | Description |
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| Professional Dress Monday | Choose from the Uplift branded professional dress options (ties, dresses, skirts, cardigans, blazers*) *Blazer are optional |
| Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: Choose from our expanded Uniform options | High school options include several approved shirt and bottom options including: Branded sweatpants Tan, Grey, Navy, or Black colored bottoms Ankle or knee-length skirts Branded shirt options: t-shirts, dri-fit shirts, and sweatshirts |
| Free Dress Fridays | All HS will have Free (free) Dress Fridays |
| Hooded Sweatshirts | High school scholars will be allowed to wear branded Uplift sweatshirts |
| Patches | Scholars can earn patches and can wear them on their shirts through their participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities -- patches coming in the 23-24 school year |
| Footwear | 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 are not allowed. |