

Roosevelt Union Free School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that The Roosevelt Union Free School District (UFSD) will require all students in grades K to 8 to wear *School Uniforms* starting in the 2009 – 2010 school year. Likewise, we will also be enforcing a strict student *Dress Code* for all students attending Roosevelt High School in the fall of 2009.

The Roosevelt UFSD Board of Education and District Administration believe that a positive school learning environment is a major factor in high student achievement. In an effort to ensure that our students are both safe and well disciplined, we firmly believe that it is necessary to impose the wearing of *School Uniforms* in grades K-8, and a strict student *Dress Code* in grades 9-12 in accordance with our District policy regarding appropriate student attire.

As you may be aware, our elementary schools have already implemented and enjoyed the benefits of *School Uniforms* intermittently for years. The implementation of *School Uniforms*, which refers to wearing the same style and color of dress, has proven to create a safer environment in our schools by helping to identify students who belong on the school campus, and as a result making it easier to identify non-school persons who may be on the campus for disruptive purposes. In addition to the above, research shows that the wearing of *School Uniforms* helps to foster a more disciplined environment by reducing negative competition and arguments over dress styles, while increasing learning opportunities for students by eliminating factors that can create economic and social divisions among individuals, such as clothing style and brands, thus allowing students to become more conscious of such shared goals as meeting academic standards, developing self confidence, and understanding diversity.

Similarly, the enforcement of a strict student *Dress Code* in grades 9-12 can accomplish the same goals. Not only does the enforcement of a strict student *Dress Code* promote a safe school environment, but it also helps to prepare our students to dress appropriately for their life beyond High School. Also, like the wearing of *School Uniforms*, research shows that the enforcement of a strict student *Dress Code* reduces drop out rates, increases school attendance, and creates a more disciplined environment by removing many of the distractions and connotations associated with various types of clothing.

In order that the students of Roosevelt Union Free School District maintain a neat, proper, and unified appearance, we would ask that you support your son/daughter in wearing the correct *School Uniform* and clothing at all times. Our District Code of Conduct provides additional information regarding appropriate student attire for students attending Roosevelt High School.

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However, to assist you with this effort, we have identified the following guidelines regarding the appropriate student dress and attire.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

1. All students in grades K-8 will wear the designated *School Uniform*.
2. All students in grades 9-12 will wear the appropriate clothing/attire in accordance with the High School *Dress Code* requirements (see Code of Conduct in the District Calendar).
3. The wearing of *School Uniforms* or any clothing that are oversized, baggy, sagging, or extremely tight fitting is prohibited.
4. Belts may not be more than one size larger than the waist. All students must wear belts if pants have loops.
5. Waistbands must be worn on waist.
6. Shirts must be worn tucked in at all times. Undergarments must not be visible.
7. Midriff Tops, Halter Tops, Spaghetti Straps, Muscle T-Shirts, Tank Tops, T-shirts with Distracting Images, and the wearing of revealing or see-through clothing are strictly prohibited on all levels.
8. Shorts and/or mini skirts must be worn at knee-length.
9. Footwear must be worn to school, and students are encouraged to wear socks.
10. Slippers, sandals, or flip-flops are not acceptable.
11. Hats, Hoods, Doo-rags, and non-religious Head-Scarves or Wraps are prohibited at all times.
12. Hoop earrings are not to be worn below the chin and no cosmetic gold in the mouth.

The principals of each school will make the final decision as to what is considered appropriate or improper dress according to the guidelines provided. Any substantial complaint concerning the wearing of *School Uniforms* and the High School *Dress Code* should be addressed with your child's school principal.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this endeavor. We look forward to working collaboratively with you and your child as we embark upon a new and exciting school year. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Sincerely,

Robert-Wayne Harris
Superintendent of Schools

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