

# Paramount Academy Dress Code 2019-2020

## PLEASE REVIEW THE DRESS CODE FOR SEVERAL UPDATES

All Paramount Academy students are required to wear the designated school uniforms. A.R.S. § 15-342(22) enables a school governing board with discretionary powers to set school policy, including the requirement that students wear uniforms to school. It is the responsibility of both parents and students to understand and comply with all of Paramount Academy's Dress Code Standards.

To attend class, all students must be in compliance with all aspects of the Dress Code policy. Paramount teachers and staff are authorized to identify violations of the standards of the Dress Code policy. When instances of non-compliance are identified, staff will refer students to the office to allow Paramount Administration the ability to make a final determination of the Dress Code violation. Parents will be notified of confirmed violations. In the event the student cannot immediately remedy the violation, parents may be required to bring appropriate dress or footwear to the school for their children.

Paramount Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs or activities. If students, parents, or staff believes that the dress code has been applied in a discriminatory manner, they may file a grievance with the School. The School's grievance policies may be found in the front office or at [www.paramountacademy.com](http://www.paramountacademy.com). They may also file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) or the U.S. Department of Education. For more information about OCR, call (303) 844-5695, email [OCR.Denver@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Denver@ed.gov) or visit [www.ed.gov/ocr](http://www.ed.gov/ocr)

Please refer to the following dress code as you make your uniform purchases. It is important that the uniform is kept clean and in good condition. A good appearance promotes a sense of pride in oneself and one's school.

- **NO LOGOS or LABELS are allowed on ANY visible articles of clothing unless purchased from Paramount Academy.**
- **Excessively baggy or tight clothing will NOT be allowed.**

**Tops:** Paramount Academy polos are the only authorized tops students are to wear, except on days designated as Dollar for Duds or days where administration has approved alternate tops that may be worn. Students are required to pay \$1 if they choose to participate in Dollar for Duds.

**Bottoms:** Boys may wear solid navy blue or tan pants and/or at the knee shorts (No jean material). Girls may wear solid navy blue or tan pants, at the knee shorts, skorts, skirts, and jumpers (No jean material). Bottoms, shorts or skorts, must come within 3 inches of the knee. All bottoms must be hemmed. Parachute pants, cargo pants/shorts, pajama bottoms, sweatpants, spandex, short shorts or skirts, low rise/hip huggers, saggy pants, leggings or nylon shorts are not acceptable. Pants must reach shoes, and may not have fringe, fraying, holes, decorative patches, studs, grommets, rivets, chains, or cut pant legs. Bottoms should be made from traditional school uniform fabrics such as cotton or cotton-poly blends. No denim or blue jean type materials are allowed. Fabrics such as denim, corduroy, suede, satin or nylon are not appropriate.

**Belts:** For all bottoms with belt loops, a belt is **REQUIRED** for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Solid black, navy blue, or tan belts with **plain buckles** are acceptable. Belts must not be embellished with studs, grommets, rivets or chains.

**Footwear:** White, black, gray, or navy blue **NON-MARKING** athletic shoes with matching white, black, gray, or navy blue shoelaces. Shoes do not need to be solid-colored but all markings must be non-neon and not distracting. White or black solid colored, above the ankle/low cut, not past mid-shin socks are

required. Girls may wear solid white or black tights or leggings, leggings must reach the shoe. Approved bottoms must be worn over all tights or leggings. Students may not wear boots, dress shoes, slides, mules, clogs or flip flops, any type of “roller” shoe, platforms, open toe shoes, shoes with “light up” features, or high heels. Shoes with laces must be tied in a bow knot above the tongue. Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are allowed to wear shoes with Velcro straps instead of laces.

**Outerwear:** Solid white, navy blue, or black sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts may be worn over a uniform polo shirt. Winter jackets should be a solid white, navy blue, or black without logos (Paramount logos will be allowed). Winter jackets and gloves will not be worn in the classroom or during indoor assemblies. No extra-large winter jackets. Only winter gloves may be worn, weather permitting. No accessory gloves. Jackets are not to be worn around the waist. For the purposes of student safety, jackets are not to be worn during activity times when the temperature is 75 degrees or above.

**Optional Accessories:** Hats may ONLY display the Paramount logo and may not be worn indoors. Hair accessories such as headbands, clips, and hair ties may only be worn if they are navy blue, white or black. No wristbands, bracelets, armbands, or arm wear will be allowed. Students should limit the amount of jewelry they wear to school, choker necklaces are prohibited. Excessive or distracting jewelry is not acceptable. Expensive jewelry is to be worn at your own risk.

#### Unacceptable Items

- No visible undergarments
- No bandanas, headbands other than listed above, distracting headwear, or hair restraints.
- No tattoos, No gauging of any kind, No piercings (other than a single pair of studs in the ears at a size of 4mm or below), or writing on the body
- No unnatural or distracting hair colors or styles. Afros or curly hair are not considered unnatural or distracting for the purposes of this policy. Hair should be free from and worn above the eyes. No faux hawks, mohawks, and shaved designs, etc.

**Dollar for Duds:** A non-uniform dress down day fundraiser that helps support field trips and other school activities. All students who decide to dress down must bring in a dollar. The following guidelines must be followed when dressing for dollar for duds.

- Shoes must still be athletic shoes. No open toe shoes, lace-up boots, or flip flops.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses must be within 3 inches of the knee.
- No excessively tight or baggy clothing.
- Tops must cover the entire shoulder. No spaghetti strap tops. All tops must cover the mid-drift and/or not be excessively low cut.
- All images/words on clothing must be school appropriate

Certain school and extra-curricular activities may require non-dress code attire and must be approved by administration. Paramount Academy Administration reserves the right to determine policy, compliance and violation of dress code. Paramount Academy and staff will not be responsible for lost or misplaced clothing items and/or jewelry regardless of their value. Paramount Academy and staff reserve the right to confiscate items as they see fit. Parents will be notified to bring a change of clothing if students are not in compliance with the dress code. Hair color and/or styles that are not in compliance are required to be fixed before a student may return to school. Paramount Academy logo shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase in the front office.

**\*\*Please visit our website and click on the Paramount Uniform Store link to purchase your uniform polos, zip-up or pullover sweatshirt.**