

# **2010-2011 UNIFORM POLICY**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

### **Why is the uniform policy changing for the 2010-2011 school year?**

The school board decided to give parents and students more options concerning where to purchase skirts and pants. Educational Outfitters closed their store in Hixson in early September leaving only their store on Gunbarrel open for business. The board also made the decision to allow other brands of pants and skirts so parents can potentially save money on clothing purchases for Academy students.

### **Will my children be able to wear the same pants or skirts they wore last year?**

The new uniform policy will not automatically prohibit any clothing styles that were acceptable in the 2009-2010 school year, and parents may continue to purchase uniform pants and skirts from Educational Outfitters. Pants and skirts, however, must meet the same standards from last year in regards to being loose-fitting, of appropriate length, and in good condition (no holes, frayed hems, etc.).

### **If I do not purchase uniforms from Educational Outfitters, do I have to get skirts and pants pre-approved by the school?**

No, pre-approval is not necessary, but it may be a good idea to bring clothing questions to the school during the summer. The board has attempted to be very clear concerning the uniform guidelines but realizes that some questions may arise.

### **What is a basic description of the pants and skirts students will be allowed to wear, if the items do not come from Educational Outfitters?**

Basically, students are allowed to wear styles consistent with those already being offered by Educational Outfitters. Refer to the dress code description on the reverse side of this page for more details.

### **What is the possibility that the uniform policy will revert back to the former policy in future years?**

While the board has the right to make dress code changes as it deems necessary, it does not anticipate reverting back to the requirement for parents to purchase pants and skirts exclusively from Educational Outfitters. If, however, dress code enforcement problems become chronic, changes may be made.

### **What will happen if my child goes to school wearing clothes that are determined to be out of dress code?**

Depending on the nature of the dress code violation, students may receive warnings, be required to change clothes before being allowed to attend classes, or incur other forms of disciplinary action.

## 2010-2011 BEREAN ACADEMY DRESS CODE

### GIRLS SCHOOL DAY DRESS CODE (*Changes are underlined.*)

1. Girls may wear khaki or navy cotton or cotton blend skirts. The length of these skirts must be to the top of the knee for girls in grades 4-12 and no more than two inches above the kneecap for girls in grades 1-3. Skirts with slits are allowed provided the slits are on the side or in the back and are not higher than two inches above the bend of the knee when the student is in a seated position.
2. Girls may also wear khaki or navy cotton or cotton blend pants. Jeans and cargo-style pants (or pants with external pockets) are not permitted. Pants may not be excessively worn, faded, have holes in them or be cut at the hem. A belt must be worn with pants. Pants must come to the upper side of the hip bone and not be too tight. Pre-approved skirts, jumpers, and pants are available from Educational Outfitters, but students are not required to wear a specific brand of skirts or pants.
3. Girls may wear oxford-style shirts of any color, print, plaid, stripe, etc. No flannel, corduroy, or denim shirts are permissible. Girls may also wear polo-style shirts of any color, plaid, stripe, etc. These shirts are also available at Educational Outfitters, but students are not required to purchase shirts from this vendor. Long-sleeved shirts are not to be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
4. Shirts are to be tucked into skirts or slacks with a clean, neat look. For modesty, a white t-shirt should be worn under white shirts. Long-sleeved shirts are not to be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
5. Sweatshirts must have a school logo. These may be purchased from Educational Outfitters or purchased during special fundraisers at the school.

### BOYS SCHOOL DAY DRESS CODE (*Changes are underlined.*)

1. Boys may wear khaki or blue cotton or cotton blend pants. Pre-approved pants are available from Educational Outfitters, but students are not required to wear a specific brand of pants. Jeans and cargo pants (or pants with external pockets) are not permitted. Pants may not be excessively worn, faded, have holes in them or be cut at the hem. A belt must be worn with pants that have belt loops. Pants must come to the upper side of the hip bone and not be too tight or “baggy.”
2. Boys may wear oxford-style shirts of any color, print, plaid, stripe, etc. No flannel, corduroy, or denim shirts are permissible. Boys may also wear polo-style shirts of any color, plaid, stripe, etc. These shirts are also available at Educational Outfitters, but students are not required to purchase shirts from this vendor. Long-sleeved shirts are not to be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
3. Shirts are to be tucked into slacks with a clean, neat look. Long-sleeved shirts are not to be worn under short-sleeved shirts.
4. Sweatshirts must have a school logo. These may be purchased from Educational Outfitters or purchased during special fundraisers at the school.