

## 2021-2022 Uniform Policy

The uniform policy for James Irwin Charter Elementary School (JICES) has been established as a result of our parents' and administration's wishes. It is one piece of the JICES overall mission to set a higher standard of excellence not only in dress, but also in conduct, safety, and achievement. This policy is in force to facilitate the education of the JICES students, to ensure their safety, and to allow our teachers to focus on the education of our students. It is our desire that students will be recognized and acknowledged for their effort, work ethic, and positive character choices. A uniform reduces distractions and helps staff to keep the focus on learning and character building. This policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary by the JICES administration and the JICS Board of Directors.

**Uniforms for all James Irwin Charter Elementary School students are mandatory.  
Cleanliness and good hygiene are necessary every day for students and their uniforms.**

### Shirts (**Updated February, 2021**)

**Girls:** **Polos** (long/short sleeve): Collars must be the same color as the shirt.

Approved colors only: light blue, navy blue, white, or red

**Peter Pan collar blouse or Oxford shirts** (long/short sleeve) can be worn instead of polo shirts.

Approved colors only: light blue, navy blue, white or red

**Boys:** **Polos** (long/short sleeve): Collars must be the same color as the shirt.

Approved colors only: light blue, navy blue, white, or red

**Oxford shirts** (long/short sleeve) can be worn instead of polo shirts.

Approved colors only: light blue, navy blue, white or red

### Shirt Guidelines

1. All shirts must be in the above approved solid colors. (Not Approved: stripes, accent stitching, or visible logos.)
2. Shirts must be an appropriate length: when hands are raised above the head, no part of the abdomen or the back may show at any time.
3. Cotton undershirts (long/short sleeve) can be worn only in solid white, under a uniform shirt. Athletic wear and long underwear **are not** considered undershirts and should not be worn.
4. Turtleneck shirts may be worn under a polo shirt. A turtleneck may NOT be worn by itself as a uniform shirt.  
Approved colors only: light blue, navy blue, white, or red
5. Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times in the building. Only during P.E. and recess can they be untucked.

### Ties (Optional):

**Girls:** Solid Navy Blue, Solid Red, or Navy and Red Plaid (NARP) cross tie or long tie (NARP purchased through French Toast only).

**Boys:** Solid Navy Blue, Solid Red, or Navy and Red Plaid (NARP) long tie. (NARP purchased through French Toast only). Bow ties may be worn if solid Navy Blue or Red.

### Pants/Shorts:

#### Girls and Boys

- Flat or pleated front, "Dockers" style, with no embellishments of any kind and no external pockets.  
Approved colors only: Navy Blue, Grey (Grey can be purchased through French Toast only).

### Pants/Shorts Guidelines (Updated 10/7/2020)

1. Pants and shorts must be in good condition.
2. Pants must be hemmed and the hem cannot drag on the ground.
3. Pants must have belt loops for all students 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade due to belt requirements.
4. Shorts must be hemmed and the length must be **NO** shorter than **three (3) inches** above the knee (measured while kneeling on the floor.)
5. **NOT ALLOWED:** Holes or frayed seams or hems; capris; "skinny" and jean style pants; sagging waistlines, draw string/elastic waist band.
6. **NOT ALLOWED:** Pants with embroidery, beads, external pockets, or zip-off pant legs.

7. **NOT ALLOWED:** Stretchy cotton/jersey types of material.  
Uniform companies are making pants using these materials so please check before purchasing.

### ***Belt Guidelines for Pants/Shorts***

1. Plain Black or brown belts must be worn with a plain belt buckle.
2. Embellishments are not allowed on belts.
3. Belts are required for grades 2-5. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are not required to wear a belt.

### ***Skirts/Jumpers***

- Girls are permitted to wear uniform skirts or jumpers.
- **Approved colors only:** Navy Blue, Grey or Navy Blue and Red Plaid (Grey and NARP purchased through French Toast only).

### ***Skirts/Jumpers Guidelines***

1. The hemline for skirts and jumpers must be at the top of the kneecap.
2. Girls are encouraged to wear inconspicuous shorts under skirts and jumpers. (Shorts under jumpers and skirts are required for P.E.)
3. An approved uniform shirt must be worn under the jumper.
4. Polo dresses, sweater dresses, or one-piece dresses are **NOT** permitted.
5. Stretchy cotton/jersey types of material are not permitted.

### ***Sweaters***

- Solid color crew neck/V-neck pullover sweaters or sweater vests – Navy Blue only.
- Solid color sweaters with **NO hoods** or logos – Navy Blue only.

### ***Socks/ Tights (tights for girls only)***

Approved solid colors: Navy Blue, White, Red, Black, or Gray

### ***Socks/Tights Guidelines***

1. Socks/tights must be worn with shoes. Socks must be visible above the shoe line.
2. Girls: Tights may be worn with jumpers and skirts. Tights must have feet (**leggings are NOT allowed**).
3. Socks and tights must be one (1) solid color as stated above.

### ***Shoes Guidelines (Updated February, 2021)***

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. All shoes must have an enclosed toe and heel.
2. Girls may wear shoes with a heel that is less than one (1) inch.
3. Tennis shoes can be worn as long as they do not light up, or have characters, or wheels. **Tennis shoes are required for P.E.**
4. For safety, shoes must be the appropriate size and fit securely.
5. **NOT ALLOWED:**
  - Skele-Toes shoes, barefoot style shoes, or any shoes with the separate toe style.
  - Clogs, crocs, mules, etc.
6. Note: Rain or snow boots may be worn for weather purposes; be sure to bring regular shoes to wear upon arrival.

### ***Coats and Jackets***

1. Coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and hoodies may NOT be worn in the classrooms.
2. Hats must be removed once students enter the building.

### ***Make Up and Nail Polish***

1. Make up of any kind is NOT allowed.
2. Only clear nail polish can be worn. Fake nails are NOT permitted.
3. Body glitter, stickers, temporary tattoos, or face paint is NOT allowed.

### ***Jewelry (Updated February, 2021)***

1. Modest jewelry is allowed. Only one (1) necklace can be worn at a time. Only one (1) bracelet per wrist.
2. Earrings must be smaller than the size of a dime. Only one (1) earring per ear.

### Hairstyles (Updated February, 2021)

1. Hair must be clean, neat, and well-groomed. Any styles that are distracting and/or impair vision are not allowed.
2. Extreme hairstyles or extreme patterned cuts or shaves are NOT allowed (elaborate patterns, letters, logos, etc.). Please check with administration to confirm that a haircut is permissible.
3. Only natural hair colors are allowed.
4. Spiked haircuts may not be higher than one (1) inch.
5. Costume accessories (i.e. unicorn horns, animal ears on a headband/clip, etc.) are not allowed.
6. **Note: The Crown Act has been addressed in this policy.**

### Miscellaneous

1. Any items not covered above are subject to review by the administration.
2. Administration will make final decisions regarding uniform issues.
3. Cheerful and respectful compliance is expected.

#### **Uniforms for all James Irwin Charter Elementary School students are mandatory.**

Uniforms must be worn when on campus, and for field trips unless otherwise stated. Uniforms must also be worn for all before and after-school programs, as well as after-school tutoring and enrichment sessions, except on occasions specified by the instructor. Uniforms are not required for any evening or weekend activities unless specified. Administrators will make final decisions regarding uniform issues.

**Attached are examples of the approved uniform items (Updated 10/7/2020)**