



Freire

Charter Wilmington

Updated Dress Code Policy

8th grade students

All 8th graders will begin the year in a uniform shirt: black polo shirt **with the Freire logo**. Students and families are required to purchase the shirt before school begins. Uniform shirts must be worn starting for orientation on August 25th, and each school day after. Shirts cost \$15 and are available through T&T Custom Embroidery (order form included and online store available). Shirts will also be available at the school as long as supplies last.

Uniform shirts are to be worn at all times on Freire's grounds and on school-related trips. At no time can another article of clothing (jacket, sweater, cardigan, vest, etc.) cover the uniform shirt while inside of Freire. Gray sweatshirts with the Freire logo may be worn over the polo and students may wear articles of clothing under their polo shirt to keep warm. Gray sweatshirts may not be worn without the black Freire polo underneath. These sweatshirts cost \$20 and are available for purchase through T&T Custom Embroidery (order form included and online store available). Sweatshirts will also be available at the school as long as supplies last. Bottoms, footwear, and accessories may be worn in alignment with dress code expectations listed on the next page. Please note that accessories such as scarves or necklaces may not cover the Freire logo when worn.

During the year, 8th grade students will be evaluated in terms of their academic behaviors (arriving to school and class on time, class performance and behavior, following the Code of Conduct, etc.), and students will earn an exit of the uniform shirt if they are performing all required academic behaviors. If exited, they are not required to wear the uniform shirt but must still follow the dress code policy as listed on the next page. If they are not exited, they will stay in the uniform shirt until the next exit date opportunity. Students who have exited their uniform shirts may also go back into them if their academic behaviors decline.

9th and 10th grade students

Freire Charter School Wilmington expects students to dress like college scholars while valuing the opportunity for individual expression. This means that students can dress as they wish as long as it is appropriate for the educational environment. On the next page, you'll find a detailed chart of what clothing is acceptable or unacceptable according to the dress code policy.

Consequences for Violating the Dress Code Policy

Students are expected to follow the dress code policy at all times while on school grounds and on school related trips. Students not following the dress code will receive a lunch detention and will not be included in the academic setting until they are properly dressed. Any student who arrives to school out of uniform or violating the dress code policy will have a parent called and will be sent home or will wait until a proper change of clothes is brought in.

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Permitted	Not Permitted
Tops – for students not required to wear the uniform shirt	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts • Collared shirts • Button down shirts • Short or long sleeves • Sweatshirts • Cardigans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible undergarments, bras, bra straps • Sleeveless shirts with straps that are less than the width of a hand • Strapless shirts • Shirts that expose the midsection (even which arms are raised) • Halter tops • Low cut necklines exposing cleavage • Shirts exposing the back
Bottoms	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeans • Khakis • Athletic pants • Sweatpants • Leggings • Shorts of appropriate length • Skirts of appropriate length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pants sitting below the waist • Visible undergarments, boxers, or briefs • Ripped jeans exposing the leg above the fingertips of an extended arm • See-through pants or leggings • Skirts or shorts that are above the fingertips of an extended arm
Accessories	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necklaces • Earrings • Scarves • Plastic or elastic headbands that are not wider than 2 inches • Head coverings with religious or medical exception • Belts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats • Visors • Hoods worn up • Bandanas • Head coverings • Head scarves • Headbands wider than 2 inches • Sunglasses • Blankets / Capes • Anything that covers the Freire logo on uniform shirts (necklaces, scarves)
Footwear	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sneakers • Sandals • Dress Shoes • Flip flops • Boots • Heels (3 inches or less) • Socks of any length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barefoot • Only socks with no shoes • Heels higher than 3 inches
Applicable to all items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obscene, derogatory, or offensive language or graphics • Language or graphics displaying or promoting violence or gang affiliation • Language or graphics displaying or promoting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal items

*If a student is requesting a religious or medical exception to the dress code policy (i.e. wearing head coverings), the parent should speak to Ms. Felicia, Head of Academic Supports.

**Any item not specified above is subject to the decision of the administrative team.