

**DODEA PACIFIC WEST
ANDERSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
UNIFORMS
SY 2020-2021**



- **Uniform Top Color Options:**
 - Navy Blue
 - White
 - Black
 - Gray

- **Uniform Bottom Color Options:**
 - Khaki
 - Navy Blue (no denim or jeans)
 - Tan
 - Black

- **Uniform Sweatshirt/Sweater/Jacket Color Options:**
 - Navy Blue (no denim or jeans)
 - White
 - Gray
 - Black



| Authorized Clothing | |
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| Female Tops | Male Tops |
| Button-down, collared shirt | Button-down, collared shirt |
| Tailored Blouse | Polo style shirt |
| Polo style shirt | |

| Female Bottoms | Male Bottoms |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Full-length Pants | Full-length Pants |
| Capri Pants | Cargo Shorts* |
| Cargo Shorts* | Bermuda Shorts* |
| Bermuda Shorts* | |
| Skorts* | |
| Skirts* | |
| Jumpers* | |

* Cannot end higher than 3 inches above the top of the knee.
 * Leggings, Tights or Stretch Pants cannot be worn in place of uniform bottoms.
 ***Logos, designs, tags, brands, or emblems are permissible (SY20-21 Revision)

| Optional Clothing |
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| V-Neck Pull-over |
| Buttoned Sweater |
| Jacket (With or Without Hood) |
| Pullover Sweatshirt (With or Without Hood) |
| Zippered Sweat Jacket (With or Without Front Pockets) |
| Uniform Patch |
| Undershirt (Any solid color. Must be short-sleeved and tucked into bottoms.) |
| Hats and Sunglasses are not allowed indoors without an approved exemption |
| ***All uniform sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets must have sleeves. |
| ***Uniform top must be worn underneath all uniform sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets. |

DODEA GUAM SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the School Uniform Policy is to encourage our students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging, to reduce school clothing costs, to encourage an improvement in student behavior, and to improve academic excellence.

Background Information

In August 2006, as a result of a student requests, the District Principals and the District Superintendent began the process of exploring the adoption of a District-wide school uniform policy. The Superintendent brought the proposal to the School Board for their recommendation. Members of the School Board visited local schools, held exploratory sessions with students and faculty, and hosted evening forums for community comment. The Board unanimously recommended the Superintendent pursue the adoption of school uniforms. The Superintendent requested community input through the use of newsletters, local newspapers, email, and broadcast media. Based upon all the gathered information and student and community input, the Superintendent adopted uniforms for the District. A request was sent to parents, staff, and students to serve as a District Uniform Task Group and make decisions about the uniforms. This task force was comprised of a student, a parent, and a staff member from each school and the District's Chief of Education. The Task Group made recommendations to the Superintendent on design of the uniform, procurement of the uniform, and the implementation schedule.

General Principles

The right of school systems to require the mandatory wearing of uniforms has been determined not to be a violation of student's or their parent's guardian's constitutional rights. The uniform policy is a valid and neutral regulation and a policy of general applicability not aimed at the promotion or restriction of any particular student's, parent's, or guardian's exercise of their constitutional rights, but for the benefit of all students to promote the general educational purpose of the District in carrying out its mandated responsibilities. Any restrictions upon students', or parents', or guardians' constitutional rights resulting from the application of the mandatory uniform policy is no more than necessary to facilitate the District's interest in promoting the educational mission of the District. Based upon the foregoing, it is the position of the District that under no circumstances can a blanket exemption be warranted based upon allegations of an impermissible violation of a student's, parent's, or guardian's constitutional rights.

Exemptions

Parents/guardians may request an exemption from the mandatory school uniform policy for bona fide religious or philosophical beliefs, medical reasons, or financial hardship. The Guam School District

has adopted procedures that address the financial hardship some families may experience as a result of their compliance with the program. A written request must be submitted to the school principal using the "Application for School Uniform Exemption" available at all schools. The school principal will meet with the parents/guardians to discuss the Uniform Policy and the reasons for the exemption request. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure the parents/guardians understand the policy and its educational justification and to verify the information provided. The parents/guardians will be notified in writing by the school principal within five days of his/her decision. If the school principal denies the request, parents/guardians may appeal in writing to the Community Superintendent within three days of the school principal's denial. The Community Superintendent will respond in writing within five days of receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Community Superintendent is final.

Compliance

Schools should strive to achieve full compliance through the use of incentives and positive reinforcement measures and should only resort to disciplinary actions when positive measures fail to ensure full compliance. No student will be considered non-compliant with the uniform policy in the following instances:

- When a student wears a nationally recognized youth organization uniform such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Cadets, or NJROTC
- When a student's parent or guardian has secured, or is in the process of securing, an exemption
- During the first two weeks of transferring from another school district
- When a student is on campus outside of normal school hours
- When the school principal authorizes it for special occasions

Evaluation

Based upon a recommendation from the School Board, the policy will be reviewed on a three year cycle beginning in School Year 2007/2008. This policy was reviewed and revised by the Guam School Board during SY 19/20. The next review will be due in 2022/2023.

ANDERSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

1. Pants cannot be low hanging or tightly fitted. Leggings, tights and jeggings are not allowed.
2. Pants cannot appear to be made of denim or jean like materials.
3. Shear clothing is not allowed.
4. Shirts must be buttoned no lower than the second button.
5. Wearing hats (not part of JROTC uniform) are not allowed. They must be kept in the locker and may NOT be carried around the school during the day. Hoodies CANNOT be covering the head.
6. Any electronic headgear and electronic devices are not to be worn / used in hallways, or attached to clothing.
7. Sweatshirts and Hoodies representing AMS Sports, Organizations, or Far East may be worn.
8. School uniforms must be worn from bus stop to building, or on school grounds (bus is considered school grounds).
9. Athletes may wear the official Andersen Middle School sports jerseys on game days or if the game is held on a Saturday, the preceding Friday.
10. FRIDAYS ONLY – Bottoms of uniforms remain the same.
 - a. Optional sweatshirts promoting the armed forces may be worn. Sweatpants are not permitted.
 - b. Spirit T-shirts, Class T-shirts, and Far East T-shirts may be worn in lieu of the uniform shirt.

Guidelines for Physical Education Attire

Middle and High School Students are required to dress in accordance with the following Physical Education (PE) uniform requirements:

- **Tops:** “Guam Physical Education” T-shirt or *plain navy blue, gray, or white t-shirt
- **Bottoms:** Navy blue “Guam Physical Education” or plain navy blue athletic shorts ending no higher than 3 inches above the top of the knee
- **Shoes:** Athletic shoes

Guam Physical Education uniforms are available at both the NEX and AAFES Exchanges. These may be sold during welcome back to school events.

*NOTE: Plain Navy blue, white, and gray t-shirts and Navy blue athletic shorts may be substituted for “Guam Physical Education” attire.

Prohibited Items:

- Clothing with zippers and/or buttons
- Tank tops or sleeveless shirts
- Leggings or tights
- Boots, sandals, or flip flops
- Jewelry that may cause injury (Dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc.)