

School Uniform & Clothing Guidelines

A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering has school uniform guidelines for all students and staff. The purpose of school uniforms is to instill school pride, provide for school safety, focus the environment on academics, and instill a work ethic by teaching children that professional dress in the engineering workplace is an expectation for success. All students are expected to wear appropriate and acceptable clothing at all times.

If students arrive at school out of uniform, parents will be called to immediately bring an appropriate change of clothing.

- **Shirts / Blouses:** Shirts must have collars, buttons, and sleeves. They are to be solid in a color: **navy blue, light blue (NOT teal- please see below), white or the house color of the student, listed below.**
 - Shirts may have a small, appropriate logo over the pocket area only. Logos should be less than 1 inch.
 - Students may wear their shirt outside their pants provided the shirt/blouse is no longer than their hips.

HOUSE SHIRT COLORS- Once students know the color of their house, they can wear that color collared polo shirt. They must be worn with khaki or navy blue bottoms.

- **Altruism - Orange**
- **Integrity - Green**
- **Perseverance - Purple**
- **Academia - Red**
- **Excellence - Black**
- **Dresses, Pants, Skirts, Skorts, or Shorts:**
 - Must be solid in color: **navy blue or khaki.**
 - Corduroy pants may be worn.
 - Shorts and skirts must be knee length (at the top of the knee cap).
 - All pants, skorts, shorts and skirts must be worn with the waistline no lower than the top of the hips.
- **Additional Items:**
 - Clothes are expected to fit appropriately, neither oversized nor tight.
 - **Proper shoes** for school are required. Tennis shoes must be worn for PE. Flip flops and thong-type shoes are not permitted. Sandals must have back straps.
 - **Outerwear:** Sweaters, sweatshirts and vests worn in the classroom and hallways **must** be navy blue, light blue or white.(SOLID COLORS) and be worn with a shirt that meets dress code requirements. Dresscode shirts must be visible under outer garment. Outerwear (hoodies, jackets or fleeces) will NOT be allowed in classrooms or hallways- please send a light sweater or long sleeved shirt if your student is cold. Hoods may not be worn in the building.
 - **Accessories:** Jewelry with spikes is prohibited. Students are not permitted to walk through the classroom or the building with cross body purses or bags for safety reasons.
 - When a student enters the building, all bags, purses and book bags must be placed in the student's cubby. They are able to get materials or supplies from those bags as needed but they cannot carry bags through the building or classroom.
 - When on field trips, students must always be in uniform unless otherwise noted by the teacher.

Uniform Free Days – The last Friday of every month will be uniform free, unless students have a field trip scheduled.

Examples of Acceptable Uniform Clothing:



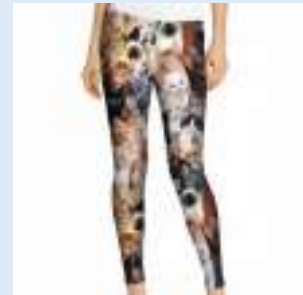
Clothing that DOES NOT meet dress code:



Large Logo



Gray and Royal Blue are not dress code colors



Patterned leggings

Personal Electronic Devices

Cell phones, video games, personal tablets, smart watches (Apple watches) and other similar devices are not allowed at A. J. Whittenberg Elementary School. If brought to school, items should remain in student's bookbags the entire day. AJW is not responsible for theft or loss of these items if a child brings them to school.

Tardiness

Parents should have students at school on time each day. Late arrival (tardiness) results in interruptions to the learning process – not only for the tardy student but for other students in the class as well. Additionally, the tardy student misses important instruction. Please ensure that your child is in the classroom before the 7:45 a.m. bell when the school day begins.

Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. must report to the attendance clerk in the main office accompanied by a parent before being admitted to class.

Early Dismissals

Parents/Guardians should present proper identification at the front office. Early dismissals should not occur after 1:45 unless an emergency.

Visitors/Volunteers

All visitors to our building, including parents and all school volunteers, must stop by the office first and sign in. Government-issued Picture ID is required before entering the building. All visitors must also sign out in the office when leaving the school building. Visitors and volunteers must wear a yellow Visitor/Volunteer badge. Any visitor without a visible badge will be immediately escorted back to the main office. Visitor access to the