

2011-12 UNIFORM POLICY

Choctaw Tribal Schools – Grades PK through 8

Choctaw Tribal Schools focus on the student and emphasizes student academic performance and respect. It is also the district's desire to promote school safety, improve discipline and enhance the overall appearance of the learning environment. Adherence to a uniform dress code serves two purposes:

- (1) Students are not distracted from school work and activities due to focusing on attire.
- (2) School uniforms contribute to maintaining a safe campus.

Students are required to be in uniform the entire time they are on campus during both the regular school day and after school program. Students who ride Choctaw Tribal School buses must be in uniform when being transporting to and from school.

Uniform Guidelines

Shirts:

- Must be of a solid color; either white, gray or maroon.
- Must have a collar (Polo or Oxford style only).
- May be short sleeve or long sleeve.
- No brand logos can appear on shirts, sweaters, or sweater vests with the exception of the school district approved logos, Choctaw sports insignia, or tribal emblems.
- Sweaters/sweater vests (if worn) must be worn with an approved uniform shirt. Sweaters and sweater vests must be of a solid color – white, gray or maroon.
- The school logo is not required on uniform tops.
- Shirts may be worn untucked, but must not extend below the middle of the hips.
- Undershirts must not extend beyond the length of the uniform top.
- Shirts must be appropriate size for the student.

Bottoms:

- Khaki style pants, shorts, skorts, culottes, and skirts only. (Minimum Length: Uniform bottoms must meet the minimum specification of extending at least two inches beyond the end of the student's fingertips when the student is standing straight with arms down the side.)
- Uniform bottoms must be one of the following colors: khaki, navy blue, or black.
- Styles allowed: Pleated front or flat front pants, with no outside pockets (e.g. carpenter pants). Pants must be cotton or cotton blend material.
- If a shirt is worn tucked-in, a belt must be worn and must be solid brown or black.
- Logos on pants, shorts, skirts, etc. may not be larger in size than 1 inch by 2 inches and must be located above the rear pockets.
- The uniform bottom must be the appropriate size for the student.
- The uniform bottom must be worn at the student's waist. No sagging.

Shoes: No open toe shoes, sandals, or flip flops allowed.

Jackets & Coats: Students may not wear hoods pulled over their heads anywhere in the school buildings. No long winter coats (overcoats, trench coats, dusters, or similar) may be worn at any time.

Headwear: In extreme cold weather, students may wear a toboggan, which must be removed while the student is inside the building. No hats or caps shall be allowed on school premises (these items will be confiscated and not returned).

Additional Dress Guidelines:

- No colors, bandanas, symbols, signs, or dress associated with gangs or cults will be tolerated. These will result in suspension or expulsion as determined by the Discipline Review Committee.
- Clothing can not be baggy. Pants must be the appropriate size and cannot be worn sagging or low on the hips.
- Cleanliness of dress and body is mandatory.
- No students shall have their body parts painted with paint, liquid paper, ink, or other distracting marks.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must meet the minimum specification of extending at least two inches beyond the end of the student's fingertips when the student is standing straight with arms down the side.
- Sunglasses are not allowed.
- If an item of dress is questionable or may be subject to criticism, DO NOT WEAR IT.

Violations of Uniform Policy

Level 1: Students with up to three violations will receive a documented verbal warning. The student's parent/guardian will be notified through phone call or letter.

Level 2: A conference with the parent/guardian will be held.

Level 3: Student will receive In-School Isolation (until violation is corrected) or Out-of-School Suspension.

Travel Wear – All students traveling with athletic teams will wear school uniforms or official travel uniforms designated by the team coach. Students must wear regular uniforms on school-sponsored field trips.

Spirit Day – Some days during the school year may be designated as a "Spirit Day". On these days, school colors and school organizations will be promoted. Tops may include appropriate shirts that display logos promoting school organizations associated with the school. Uniform bottoms will remain the same. On game days, the principal may grant approval for team members and cheerleaders to wear athletic clothing during the school day.

Special Days – Principals may occasionally designate special days to allow a deviation from the dress code. These days will be announced and promoted prior to the event. No sleepwear, underwear worn outside the clothing, or "cross-dressing" (boys in girls' clothing / girls in boys' clothing) is allowed on any day, including both students and staff.

Transfer Students Uniform Compliance

Students who transfer to Choctaw Tribal Schools from another school district will be allowed ten (10) school days from the time of enrollment to purchase or acquire uniforms and comply with the Choctaw Tribal School Uniform Policy.