

# Horizon Academy Dress Code Contract

In order to promote school safety, improve discipline and enhance the learning environment the Fayette County Alternative Education Program has implemented a policy which requires uniform student dress. Students accepted for enrollment must adhere to the guidelines as follows:

## Shirts

- Solid white color.
- Shirts may be short or long sleeved.
- Shirts must have a polo style collar.
- May not have a logo larger than a quarter.
- Shirts must be appropriately sized and tucked in where the top of the pants and belt is visible.
- No holes are allowed.
- Blue Fayette LIFE Academy logo t-shirt is also acceptable

## Pants, Shorts, Skirts

- Must be khaki color.
- No blue jeans are allowed.
- Must be free of graphics and embroidery. Pants are allowed a small company name tag.
- Shorts and skirts must have a hem longer than the fingertips when arms are extended straight down at the sides.
- No “cargo” style pants or shorts with pockets halfway down the legs.
- Pants must be appropriately sized. No baggy or sagging pants or shorts are allowed. **No “low rise” or “hip hugger” pants or shorts are allowed. Pants must not be worn with the waistline below the hipbone.**
- All clothing must have finished hems. Cut-offs are not allowed.
- When worn at the appropriate waistline, and the belt is tightened to appropriate fit, if the pants/shorts “gap” or double over they are too large and may not be worn.
- The bottom of the pants leg may not touch the floor.
- No holes are allowed.
- **No other clothing with pockets may be worn beneath pants.** This includes, specifically, gym shorts or pajamas.

## Belts

- A belt must be worn at all times.
- **Belts must be plain black or brown with a plain buckle.**
- Belts must be appropriate in size with no long dangling ends.
- Belts must be buckled.

## Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Shoes worn must be tennis or court (athletic) shoes with the original laces.
- No boots, dress shoes, or slip on shoes (including slippers and crocs) allowed.
- Laces must be the same color in both shoes and must match
- the shoes in color. Laces may not touch the floor.

## Socks

- Socks shall be solid white, solid black or solid gray in color.

## Coats

- No hoodies
- During cold weather, coats, jackets, and sweaters without hoods may be worn over the uniform, but they must have a full-length opening in the front (full zipper or full button up)
- no pullover outer garments such as sweatshirts or hoodies which do not open fully in the front may be worn over the uniform.
  - The one exception to this is the blue Fayette LIFE Academy logo sweatshirt
- Outer garments must be unfastened full length inside the building so that the uniform is visible in the front.
- No crowns may appear on coats, jackets or any other article of clothing.
- Shirts, or jackets with a shirt-like appearance, may not be worn.

## Additional Considerations

- Undershirts may be worn under the uniform shirt but they must be solid white in color.
- No headwear of any kind is allowed. (Students are not to be in possession of any type of headwear on campus.)
- The following items are **NOT allowed**:
  - Jewelry of any kind
  - Smart Watches
  - Sunglasses
  - Wallet chains
  - Trench coat.
  - Cosmetic dental inserts and/or grills
  - Lanyards or long key chains
- Undergarments may not be visible either through exposure or as seen through outer clothing.
- Clothing may not, in the judgment of the staff, be overly form-fitting.
- At no time may students carry or conceal any item of any kind underneath clothing.
- Hair bows may be no longer than 2 inches or no wider than 2 inches.
- Bows are limited in color to black or white.
- Decorative scarves are not allowed –either worn around a student’s neck or head.
- Wallets/card holders no larger the 4” x 4”

Reasonable consideration shall be made for individual students who, because of verifiable and sincerely held religious beliefs or medical reasons, request a waiver of a particular guideline for uniform dress. A waiver request must be made in writing from a parent or guardian within five days from the date of the orientation interview.

In considering a waiver request the principal reserves the right to request additional documentation from medical officials and/or religious leaders.

Parents or guardians who have concerns about affordability should contact the counselor. Counselors will assist the family with identifying community resources. The school system will not be responsible for funding uniforms for any students.

All students must be in compliance with this policy upon enrollment. Your signature below indicates your agreement to comply with the Horizon Academy uniform dress requirement.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_