

**TEASLEY ELEMENTARY
STANDARD SCHOOL ATTIRE (SCHOOL UNIFORMS) 2011-2012**

After two years of gathering input and conducting surveys with overwhelming support, Teasley Elementary has implemented standard school attire for all students. Students are expected to wear school uniforms except on Fridays, when spirit wear and blue jeans or the outfit of their choice can be worn. Please keep in mind that the outfit must be appropriate according to the Cobb County Dress Code (Policy JICA).

Schools that have implemented uniforms report that students feel more comfortable when dressed like other students, less self-conscious, and more confident. They also report that negative peer pressure and teasing are minimized. The purpose for shifting to uniforms is to promote learning and student engagement.

Some parents expressed concerns about the cost of uniforms. In reviewing research about uniforms, parents soon realize that uniforms actually save money, are more durable, and less expensive than other clothes. In other schools with uniforms, they held uniform hand-me-down sales at the end of the school year, which even saves more money for families.

Because the decision was made for the dress code to be generic, they should be easy to purchase at WalMart, Target, Kmart, JC Penney, Sears, Goodwill, and a local company - Up, Up, and Away Printing. The dress code consists of polo style shirts (long & short sleeves), core pants/shorts, skirts and plain sweaters. Cargo shorts are acceptable as well as the solid knit cotton dresses. The primary colors are khaki, navy & black slacks/skirts/shorts, and red, navy blue, light blue, grey & white shirts. Our school colors are purple and white, so purple is acceptable as well. As you can see, these clothing items will easily mix and match, which saves significant time in selecting outfits each day. We have tried to keep the options broad while promoting students coming to school well dressed. Sweatshirts of similar colors, without any pictures on them, can also be worn. Only Teasley logos can be on sweatshirts.

One other aspect of uniforms is that students will be asked to wear regular shoes or sports shoes. Sandals, open-toed shoes, and crocs are all very dangerous on the playground and during PE. Boots can only be worn in the event of inclement weather.

Thank you for your support of standard school attire. If you have questions, please contact the school at 770.437.5945.

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