



BRILLIANCE

SCHOOL

UNIFORM INFORMATION

OUR GOAL: The Brilliance School continuously strives to create a positive school culture so that our students can focus on learning. By dressing for success, we prevent disruption; avoid safety hazards; and provide a socially safe, secure, and stable school climate. Paying attention to every detail, big and small, ensures that our students succeed academically and beyond the classroom. School uniforms increase self-esteem, attendance, graduation rates, and self-discipline. Uniforms build a sense of pride, cohesiveness, and unity in the classroom and broader community. The appearance of **all** students reflects the high standards and culture of our school.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY UNIFORM:

- Black dress bottoms (skirts, skorts, capris, shorts, or pants). Jeans are not allowed. Joggers or pants with elastic at the cuffs are not permitted. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be knee-length or longer. Shorts and pants may not be rolled up.
- **Navy blue or black polo shirts only. Shirts must be tucked into pants at all times. Long sleeves may not be rolled up. WHITE SHIRTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.**
- Outerwear (jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, hoodies, sweaters, etc.) must be kept in backpacks or lockers while students are in class. Outerwear is permitted outdoors only (to/from school, on the bus, during outdoor recess, etc.)--not inside the school building.
- During cold weather, students may wear plain long sleeve polo shirts black or navy blue. Black and navy blue cardigans are permitted.
- Black belts must always be worn.
- Black closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must be all black, preferably dress shoes.

FRIDAY UNIFORM:

- Blue jean bottoms (skirts, skorts, capris, shorts, or pants). Bottoms must be **blue** denim. Bottoms must not have rips, holes, or tears. Alternatively, khaki, navy, or black dress bottoms may also be worn. Skirts, skorts, and shorts must be knee-length or longer.
- Brilliance logo t-shirt or college spirit shirt. The name of the college or university must be explicitly displayed on the shirt. Alternatively, a white button-up dress shirt or a black or white polo shirt without patterns or logos may also be worn.
- If a student chooses not to wear a school or college spirit shirt, they must wear their regular school uniform.
- College sweatshirts are allowed, but hoods may never be worn on the head inside the school building. ● Black belts must always be worn.
- Closed-toe athletic shoes must be worn at all times.

HEAD COVERINGS:

- Head coverings that honor religions and/or culture and hats or head coverings necessitated by a medical issue are permitted.
- All types of hand gloves and headgear (beanies, earmuffs, etc.) may be worn outside of the school building during cold weather and be stored in backpacks or lockers while students are in class.



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UNIFORM FAQ

Q: WHY ARE WE ENFORCING UNIFORM STANDARDS AT THE BRILLIANCE SCHOOL?

A: At Brilliance, we believe that uniforms play an important role in maintaining a culture of focused learning, positive behavior, and school culture. Uniforms promote a sense of school identity and cohesion, helping to raise the standards of academics, expectations, and future success for all Brilliance scholars.

Q: WHY DO WE HAVE THE SAME UNIFORM STANDARDS ACROSS ALL GRADES AT BRILLIANCE?

A: It is important to share uniform standards across our school to promote community, especially as all grades are located on one campus. This allows younger students to learn from and emulate their older peers. In turn, older students learn the responsibility of acting as role models for their younger peers, including younger siblings. Unifying standards also allows for a consistent educational experience for students throughout their time at our school.

Q: WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES IF MY SCHOLAR IS OUT OF UNIFORM?

A: Uniforms are important to maintaining a focused and consistent educational experience for all scholars. Therefore, if scholars are out of uniform, the following consequences will be enforced.

- **First infraction:** phone call home; staff attempts to place the scholar in the correct uniform; scholar still attends class.
- **Second infraction:** phone call home from administration; scholar is not allowed to enter class until the missing garment is brought to school.
- **Third infraction:** phone call home from administration; scholar is assigned detention.
- **Fourth infraction:** mandatory family conference with administration to identify and address the issue causing scholars to arrive at school without the proper uniform.

Q: WHAT IF PEOPLE ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD THE UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS?

A: We understand that uniforms can cause financial distress, but we do not want that to be a barrier to children attending our school. If uniforms represent a hardship for families, we will work with them throughout the school year to ensure that their scholars can be in uniform. This may include gift card distribution to assist families in purchasing uniforms, an on-campus uniform closet where families can select new and gently used uniforms at no cost, and more. Please contact the main office at 216-710-6621 if you have any questions about uniform assistance.