

# Dress Code/School Attire Policy:

A higher standard of dress encourages greater respect for individuals, students and others, and results in a higher standard of behavior. Our dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress during normal school days for every student. Growing Together Academy reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the school year. Students are expected to follow these guidelines. If a student comes to school without the proper uniform, they will be kept/sent to the front office and remain there until a parent/guardian brings a proper uniform for the student.

All uniforms must be purchased from "MOHO uniforms". The uniform website is mohouniforms.com

### HAIR, MAKE UP and NAILS

Hair must be neat and clean with no "unnatural" colors i.e. fluorescent, bright green, mohawks, spikes, head symbol shavings, etc. The decision about whether hair or make up is appropriate will be at the administration's discretion. No hats, headbands, scarves, or bandanas may be worn. No make-up will be worn in school (No fake eyelashes). Nails should not be too long and should not be painted in dark colors. If a student wears make-up to school, they will be asked to remove it in the front office. The parent may be contacted for inappropriate hair, make up, or nails as necessary.



#### SHOES

Students must wear closed shoes at all times. No heavy military type boots or shoes with metal tips may be worn. No stacked or pumped shoes may be worn. We recommend sneakers or flat dress shoes. No wheeled sneakers, bedroom/other slippers, or pointed/cowboy boots. All shoes must have a closed toe and back. Students need to wear closed black shoes with the uniform. Our Middle school students have the exception of wearing any color tennis shoe with the uniform. For casual days, students may wear flat closed shoes and can be any color.







### SOCKS

Socks must be worn daily and must be white. Fishnet stockings or other inappropriate leg wear is not acceptable. Socks should be worn no higher than lower calf height.



### SHIRTS

All shirts must be tucked in and purchased from the designated uniform company with the school's logo. Elementary students' color is red, or navy blue (Mohouniforms.com). Elementary students (grades K-5) are required to wear polo shirts with short sleeves bearing the school logo.

Middle school students' colors are pink raspberry, red, brilliant blue, or black with short sleeves (Mohouniforms.com) T- shirts are not allowed as normal school day wear. Only one solid white, gray, or black t-shirt may be worn underneath the polo shirts. T-shirts may not be visible below the shirt hem or cuff. The polo shirt must be worn every day to school unless we have a casual day planned in our calendar or we will announce a dress down day if the weather is too cold.

### BOTTOMS

Students in grades K-8 must wear uniform Khaki or Navy bottoms (shorts, slacks, skorts).

Jeans are allowed in casual days or dress down days, but jeans can't have any holes or be ripped.



# OUTERWEAR

Navy blue jackets are part of the uniform dress code and school authorized zippered sweatshirts are the only outerwear permitted in Growing Together Academy. Parents may purchase the school's Navy blue jacket or sweater from any designated store as long as it doesn't have any other logo or name written on it. You may find them in Walmart, Children's Place, or Old Navy.



# BELTS

If belt is worn, it should be fitted around the waist so that excess length can be tucked in loops and NOT hanging. Belts must be plain khaki, brown, black or navy (not white or bright-colored). Belts cannot have dangling items, large buckles, or logo/written items.



### JEWELRY

Girls may not wear body piercing other than earrings in the ear lobe. One earring per ear may be worn. Boys are not allowed to use any earring. For safety reasons, only a stud or a tiny hoop earring can be worn. (Tiny hoops can be no larger than an adult pinky finger.) Limited jewelry can be worn such as a watch, small bracelet, and thin necklace/chain. For safety reasons, necklaces/chains should be worn inside of school uniform, NOT on top of the uniform shirt. Bracelets need to be limited to one per wrist to eliminate unnecessary noise and distractions.

### GENERAL

At no time are students to wear anything offensive, immodest or deemed inappropriate by the faculty. **All clothing should be labeled with the student's name, specially jackets.** 

Personal Hygiene

Everyone needs to keep clean to kill germs and avoid getting sick. Good personal hygiene also boosts confidence by dealing with problems like <u>bad breath</u> or body odor.

For children, the basics of good personal hygiene are:

- washing hands
- covering their mouth when they cough
- having regular baths or showers
- brushing and flossing teeth

You may have to help your child practice good personal hygiene habits. These will become even more important as they grow older and approach puberty. Being able to talk openly and honestly about keeping clean will help you manage the more difficult personal hygiene issues that are likely to come up when they are teenagers.

#### Parents

If for any reason you have to enter Growing Together Academy, it is very important your clothing. It should be appropriate and not offensive to anyone.

### **UNIFORM VIOLATIONS**

Level I - Verbal warning.

Level II – School sends home a uniform violation note/stamp or student will call parent from office to obtain correct uniform.

Level III – Student will call parent from office to obtain correct uniform. Student will wait in the office for parent to bring correct uniform.