Uniforms

Some of our traditional public elementary schools in Sarasota County require their students to wear uniforms to school. Where applicable, all students must be in uniform every day to be included in extracurricular activities such as field trips, assemblies, clubs, and other events. Each school’s uniform policy is different, but generally, uniforms consist of:

- **Shirts** – These shirts usually have a collar and feature the school’s logo. Most schools offer a selection of different colors for students to choose from.

- **Sweatshirts** – On chilly days, students are encouraged to wear their school uniform sweatshirt, which is commonly one-color and features the school logo. Some schools permit plain, one-color crewneck sweatshirts as well.

- **Bottoms** – These usually consist of shorts, slacks, skirts, skorts or jumpers. Some schools allow shorts or slacks to be selected in plain, pleated or cargo-style. Additionally, girls may choose to wear skirts, skorts, or jumpers in a specified color. Jeans, jogging/sweat pants are usually not permitted.

- **Shoes** – Most schools specify that students should always wear closed-toe shoes, ideally sneakers with rubber soles, every day. Other shoes like clogs, high heels, flip-flops and Heelys are not permitted.

To see if your school requires uniforms, and to learn more about ordering items for the new school year, please contact your child’s school.

Dress Code

Sarasota County Schools has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37. The principal’s decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school’s dress code policy is an infraction under this code.

Students have a RIGHT to:

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.

- Learn without being offended or distracted by the way other students are dressed.

Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

- Comply with the school dress code.

- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.
• Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:
  o no exposed underwear
  o no saggy/baggy/ripped pants
  o no pajamas or slippers
  o no see-through clothing
  o no clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
• Not wear items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
• Not wear items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on the basis of color, disability, national origin, marital status, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

Supplies for School
Each school follows a different procedure for setting up their supply lists. Some schools group supplies by grade level, others by subject. Still other schools may have their teachers issue individual supply lists. Please visit your child's school's website or call the front office to learn more about supply lists for the 2019-20 school year.