

Hilldale School 2011-2012 School Uniform Policy

(Please read carefully)



In order to maintain a sense of school spirit, decorum, and discipline, all Hilldale students are expected to respect the school's decisions regarding acceptable clothing and accessories worn during school hours. Parents are asked to support the standards so that exceptions do not occur. Students are expected to be in uniform each day except on "Free Dress" days. Parents may refer to the Uniform Requirements for specific information on the acceptable dress items. How the students dress will reflect on both the students and on the school.

"Full Dress" is required for picture day, special events, and whenever requested by the administration. Special requirements of "Full Dress" days include a shift (K-4) or skirt (5-8) for the girls (no pants), a belt for the boys, the appropriate shirts, blouses, or pants (for boys), dress shoes (dark leather or leather-like shoes for boys and dark flats for girls) and Hilldale sweaters with the Hilldale patch.

All classes will conduct **dress inspection** each morning. Students who are not satisfactorily dressed will be issued **Uniform Infraction Notices**. If the infraction is minor, the students may remain in class. For major infractions, the child will be given clothes to change into, if possible, and then allowed to return to class. These clothes must be washed and returned. If these borrowed clothes are not returned, we will assume that you are buying them and send you a bill. Repeated or serious infractions of the dress code will result in the child being sent to the office until a parent can bring the appropriate clothing or pick up the student for the day. Uniform Infractions and warnings will be sent home with each offense, and infractions will appear on your child's report card.

Spare Clothes: Students in Kindergarten should have a set of spare clothes in their cubby for use in case of bathroom accidents. If your child has an accident and needs to borrow clothes from Hilldale, clothing must be washed and returned. If these borrowed clothes are not returned, we will assume that you are buying them and send you a bill.

The following uniform items from our supplier, **Simply Uniforms** located at 7801 El Camino Real in Colma, are considered acceptable dress. Students who wear pseudo-uniform items from another company or local store which are *visibly different in color, shade, style, or ornamentation* will be considered out of uniform. We have used uniforms at greatly reduced prices on sale at the school.

Boys

Khaki twill pants or shorts, appropriate belt on dress days, white pique shirts, white or navy socks, clean, plain-colored shoes (**solid colors: black, brown, white, navy blue, dark green**), and green cardigan or V-neck sweater with logo patch or Hilldale fleece (except on "Full Dress" days).

Girls

Green V-neck shift for grades K-4 or plaid box pleat skirt for grades 5-8 or culottes or khaki slacks (except on "Full Dress" days), white Peter Pan (rounded-collar) blouse, white, navy, or hunter green socks or tights, clean plain colored shoes (**solid colors: black, brown, white, navy blue, dark green**) and green cardigan or V-neck sweater with logo patch or Hilldale fleece (except on "Full Dress" days).

Other dress rules include:

- a. **All students must wear a complete uniform;** sweaters are to be worn on "Full Dress" days and whenever students feel the need for a sweater while indoors. Students may substitute the Hilldale Fleece for the Hilldale sweater except on "Full Dress" days.

- b. In the classroom, only Hilldale sweaters and fleeces may be worn over the uniform. Outer garments are to be placed on coat hooks, in cubbies, or in lockers, and may be worn during P.E., recess, lunch time, or after school as desired—not hung on chairs.
- c. In order to maintain a neat appearance, **shirts must be tucked in at all times** except during P.E. or recess. If a student doesn't tuck in his or her shirt on a reoccurring basis, he or she will receive a uniform infraction for each offense. Multiple infractions may be given in any one day.
- d. **Girls are allowed to wear Hilldale slacks**, (and are encouraged to do so on P.E. days) **except on "Full Dress" days. On "Full Dress" days, girls must wear skirts or shifts.** See the calendar for scheduled "Full Dress" days.
- e. **Girls' skirts**, including culottes and jumpers, should be no shorter than 2" above mid-knee cap.
- f. It is recommended that girls wear bike shorts or tights under skirts or jumpers for modesty and/or warmth. **Tights must be white, navy, hunter green, or black.** Leggings of the same colors may be worn in cold months if they extend all the way to the ankle, are tucked into socks, and are free of embellishments such as lace, ruffles, buttons, etc. Otherwise, tights should be substituted.
- g. **Pants** are to be appropriately sized and worn from the waist. Alternate styles such as low rise, flare, skinny, stretch, cargo, etc. are not acceptable. While pants need not be purchased from Simply Uniforms, the shade of khaki should very close to that of the uniform pant. Belts are optional except on "Full Dress" days.
- h. **Shirts** must be buttoned **and tucked in** at all times. The only items which may be worn under a blouse or shirt are a **plain white undershirt** or a plain white undergarment.
- i. **Shoes** must be in a clean, attractive condition, of a plain color (**solid colors: black, brown, white, navy blue, dark green**), and must be suitable for running and play. **For safety: flip-flops, sandals, or shoes with high heels, platform heels, open toes, or open heels are not permitted.** In inclement weather, students may wear rain or warm **boots on the playground only. In this case, a change of shoes should be brought for the classroom.**
- j. **All clothing items are to be clean and have no obvious holes or large stains.**
- k. **Jewelry may only be worn in modest amounts.** Small, modest **stud earrings only**; plain colored watches that do not beep or make noise, and non-visible necklaces worn because of religious beliefs are acceptable. Nose, eyebrow, lip, or tongue jewelry is not permitted. Boys may not wear earrings. **For safety, girls may not wear dangling or hoop earrings.**
- l. **Hair should be neatly combed or brushed, trimmed, and attractive in appearance, and it is suggested that it be pulled back for girls.** Bizarre, extreme, or unusual hairstyles or unnatural coloring are not permitted. Bangs below the eyebrows are not permitted. Boys' hair must be neat, and preferably trimmed above the collar and ears. Ponytails, rat-tails, facial hair, or shaved heads are not allowed.
- m. **Girls' hair ribbons must be modest in style, size, and color.** Simply Uniforms sells uniform headbands, bows, and ponytail holders. Otherwise, hair accessories may be of hunter green, white, black, or navy blue. Head scarves are not allowed.
- n. **No perfumes, colognes, make-up, tattoos or other writing on the skin are allowed.**
- o. Hilldale allows once-monthly **"Free Dress" Days**, generally held on the third Friday of each month (**please see the calendar for exact dates, as certain months are omitted due to holidays!**). On these days, uniforms are not required; however, clothing must be neat and practical for school. It should not be immodest or have printing that is vulgar or refers to sex, violence, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol. Sweats may not be worn. **For safety: flip-flops, sandals, or shoes with high heels, platform heels, open toes, or open heels are not permitted. For safety, girls may not wear dangling or hoop earrings.**