

HARRY BRIDGES SPAN SCHOOL

Academic Attire 2012-2013

A **mandatory uniform policy** has been instituted as part of the Public School Choice 3.0 Application for Harry Bridges Span School. Our basic standard for students is to dress as if they were coming to work. School is a place of business and education is the students' job. Research has found that use of school uniforms enhances school safety, improves the learning environment, reduces ethnic and racial tensions, bridges socioeconomic differences between children, promotes good behavior, improves children's self-respect and self-esteem, and produces cost savings for families. **Failure to follow the mandatory uniform policy will result in a referral to the office to change to the appropriate clothing.** The school will assist in providing uniforms for students who have financial difficulties. **There will be no uniform waivers issued to students unless an "opt-out" card is on file in the main office.**

	 TOPS	 BOTTOMS	 OUTERWEAR	OTHER
 ALLOWED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ solid white (elementary), powder blue or dark blue (middle school) ▪ collar, polo shirt ▪ short or long sleeves ▪ school logo OK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ solid navy blue (elementary) ▪ solid navy blue or black (middle school only) ▪ long pants, shorts, capris, skirts or jumpers ▪ must fit at the waist ▪ hemmed or cuffed ▪ no shorter than mid-thigh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ jackets or sweatshirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PE appropriate shoes such as sneakers or tennis shoes ▪ undergarments must remain covered at all times
 NOT  ALLOWED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ stripes ▪ logos larger than 1"x1" ▪ numbers, letters, or pictures ▪ contrast-colored stitching ▪ sleeveless or tank top ▪ spaghetti strap top ▪ undershirts/ t-shirts ▪ low-cut or unbuttoned all the way ▪ midriff, mesh or see-through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ denim ▪ baggy, oversized, or sagging ▪ pants larger than 1 size too big ▪ rolled waist ▪ torn, holes or cut seams ▪ sweatpants or pajamas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ inappropriate (alcohol, tobacco, drug, sexual, or violence related) logos or imagery ▪ hoods up unless it is raining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ open-toed or open heeled shoes ▪ sunglasses (except for medical conditions) ▪ hair rollers ▪ wallet chains or chain jewelry ▪ hats, beanies, doo rags, etc. ▪ gang or tagging crew attire

To ensure health and safety standards there will be 1) no attire advertising alcoholic or tobacco products or any controlled substance, 2) no attire that expresses or suggests profanity, acts of sex, racial slurs or concepts found to be in poor taste or culturally offensive or aggressive, 3) no attire that is sexually suggestive or extremely tight/brief, and 4) no clothing or accessories that are or can be interpreted as gang or crew related.