



Carthay Center School Uniform Policy: **For Grades K – 5** **Effective September 5, 2006**

Pre-K students are exempt from the uniform policy

The following uniform policy will be enforced Monday through Friday during the school term by the Principal and teaching staff. Students are expected to wear a uniform daily, with exceptions noted below. Parents may choose to "Opt Out" of the voluntary Carthay Center uniform program.

PANTS OR SHORTS

Solid Color - Navy Blue.

Shorts and pants are to be normal fitting and not over-sized. Attire must fit at waist.

Jeans or other denim pants and sweatpants are not considered appropriate for uniforms.

Shorts should not be shorter than 4" above the knees and may not extend below the knees.

Short shorts are not allowed.

SKIRTS, SKORTS OR JUMPERS

Solid Color - Navy Blue.

Jumpers, Skirts, and Skorts are acceptable for girls. The length of skirts, shorts or jumpers should be sufficient so that under garments may not be seen at any time. Skirts, skorts, and jumpers should not be shorter than 4" above the knees.

SHIRTS

Solid Color - White or Powder Blue

Long or short sleeve (collared polo or button down is preferred) shirt or blouse

Turtlenecks are acceptable

Shirts are to be buttoned and worn tucked into trousers or skirts unless specifically styled to be worn outside slightly below the waist.

White is preferred color, but acceptable alternative shirt color is baby blue or powder blue

Carthay Cubs T-shirt is only acceptable on Fridays.

SHOES

Shoes are to be worn with socks. Shoes must be of closed toe and heel design - no platforms, no high heels of any kind. Black or white tennis shoes are preferable

NO: The shoes below are NOT SAFE:

Sandals, jellies, thongs, clogs, any open toe or open heeled, platform or high or medium heeled shoes. They pose safety hazards, interrupt physical education and recess activities and are not permitted.

LIGHTWEIGHT - OUTER WEAR

Lightweight outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets) should be solid navy blue, black, or white.

JACKETS-HEAVY OUTERWEAR

Solid colors that coordinate with our uniform colors are suggested, but jackets of mixed colors may be worn as long as they have no logos, pictures, or initials other than the school emblem.

OTHER:

Stockings, tights, or socks should be white, blue, or navy blue.

SCHOOL SPIRIT FRIDAYS: A day to demonstrate our school spirit and pride

On Fridays, the official uniform may be worn and/or students are also encouraged to wear a Carthay Cubs t-shirt or sweatshirt instead of the white or powder blue shirt. The navy blue pants, shorts, skirt or jumper remain the same.

CASUAL DRESS "FREE" FRIDAYS:

The last Friday of each month is a "free" day in which students will be allowed to wear clothing other than the uniform as long as basic guidelines (below) are adhered to. Picture Day (in the fall and also the spring) will also be a "free dress" day.

WHERE TO PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

A variety of stores locally and online have Carthay School uniform styles and colors. Sale prices on uniforms are usually available in the spring and late fall. Suggestions below:

Major Chain Stores:

- Target
- Sears
- K-Mart
- JC Penny
- Wal-Mart
- Marshalls
- Gymboree

Local Stores:

- Falles Paredes (La Cienega Center)...(**best prices we found in the area**)
- A+ Children's Clothing (Fairfax & 3rd)

Online:

- www.target.com
- www.allheartkids.com
- www.frenchtoast.com
- www.landsend.com

and many other websites...search "school uniforms store"

OPTING OUT of UNIFORM DRESS CODE:

Those students that are opting out, must have a signed form which must be filed with the school office. Uniform Opt Out paperwork will be available throughout the school year and parents may file at any time.

Carthay has adopted uniforms as the preferred dress. However, if you opt out, the following standard for student appearance is required and is based on hygiene, safety and appropriateness for an elementary school environment.

Children wearing inappropriate clothing will be sent to the office so parents can be contacted to bring them suitable clothing.

Please remember these guidelines and review the list of inappropriate clothing below:

- Students are expected to keep themselves clean, well groomed and neatly dressed at all times.
- Shoes, clothing, and jewelry must be appropriate for running and physical activity.
- Clothing must cover undergarments and midriffs.
- All shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses should be no shorter than 4" above the knees

Inappropriate school attire:

- Halter tops, low cut, spaghetti straps, bare shoulders
- Tube tops
- Bare midriffs
- Undershirts, loose tank tops, see-through blouses
- Short shorts
- Cut off pants
- Pants/shorts should not be falling off
- No caps, hats, visors allowed except outside building
- No team logos
- No writing that denotes any kind of violence, pictures or cartoons
- Clothing advertising alcoholic beverages or those with obscene or questionable printing or graphics will not be permitted.
- Any form of dress or hairstyle which is considered contrary to good hygiene, is unsafe, or which is distracting or disruptive and therefore detrimental to the purpose of the school will not be permitted.
- For safety reasons, jewelry (necklaces & rings) should not be worn. All earrings must be removable in the event they need to be removed for safe participation in a school event
- Also for safety reasons, clothing or accessories indicative of gang affiliations are not allowed
- Please do not wear these shoes:
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Grooming: Students must be clean and neatly groomed