

## John Quincy Adams Middle School Dress Policy for 2016 - 2017

(\* Indicates changes for 2016-17)

It is the obligation of the Jefferson Parish School Board to provide an educational atmosphere which shall be conducive to the learning process. Students, teachers, staff, and administrators have the right to be free from distracting influences which hinder the learning process. It is the policy of the Jefferson Parish Public School System to have a dress policy which is impartial, nondiscriminatory, and mandatory for its students. In keeping with this policy, uniforms are mandatory. They may be purchased from area uniform shops. In addition to the school uniform, the Jefferson Parish dress code remains in effect.

**The following is the official uniform/dress code for John Quincy Adams Middle School:**

1. ID's must be worn **on a lanyard and be clearly visible** on the chest area at all times.
2. A student may not write on or deface any part of the school uniform, shoes, bodies, IDs, or book bags (name may be written inside the strap). Any decoration or accessory must be in good taste and **NOT** be offensive, insulting, promote hatred, or incite inappropriate behaviors.
3. Hats and/or sunglasses shall **not** be worn in the building.
4. Jewelry is discouraged. Only pierced earrings may be worn. Only **stud earrings** no larger than a dime are allowed. No hoop or dangling earrings are allowed. This is a safety issue.
- \*5. **The new uniform shirt for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students is a navy blue polo shirt with our school logo. These shirts may have short or long sleeves and may be purchased at local uniform shops.** Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have a choice of uniform shirts. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may wear the new uniform shirt or the white oxford button-up shirt (with logo) from last year. Students may wear a **plain T shirt** or the PE uniform shirt under their uniform shirts. Adams club/spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays. The shirt must be tucked neatly inside pants/skirt.
- \*6. **Dickies boys style # 874, boys husky style # 56062SV, and girls style # KP969Jr light grey uniform style pants** are the only pants allowed. Pants **cannot** be jean, cargo, carpenter, or extremely low hip hugger style. **Pants cannot have "outside or stitched on" or cell phone pockets.** Pants cannot be rolled up. *Pants must not touch the ground.* Shorts, capris, or cropped pants are **NOT** allowed.
- \*7. Girls may wear the **navy blue plaid uniform style skirt** available **only** at uniform stores in the Metairie area. Skirts should be no shorter than **just above** the knee. Skorts are not allowed. Skirts must be worn **at the waist and not rolled.** **Girls may wear solid black leggings under the uniform skirt. No other style of pants may be worn under skirts.**
8. A **plain black or gray belt** is the only acceptable belt style.
9. Lace-up tennis shoes in any color are acceptable. Slip-on tennis shoes are **NOT** acceptable. Shoes must be properly secured. Velcro tennis shoes must be approved by the school administration. Navy and white saddle oxfords are also acceptable and can be purchased at uniform stores.
- \*10. Socks/footies are required and must cover the entire foot. Tights (full leg stocking but not leggings), knee high or crew socks must be **solid white, solid black, solid navy, or solid gray.** Note: **Leggings worn under the skirt can only be solid black.**
- \*11. **Winter attire: New Sweatshirts - Uniform sweatshirts can only be purchased during the school supply and on campus throughout the school year for \$15.** Uniform stores will **NOT** have these sweatshirts for sale. **School Supply Sale will be on July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 8AM-1PM. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, also 5-7PM.** The Adams uniform shirt is **required** even if a sweatshirt is worn. Other pullover shirts, sweatshirts, and sweater tops are **NOT** allowed to be worn over the uniform shirt. In very cold weather students should layer their clothing—undershirt (may be thermal style), Adams uniform shirt, Adams pullover sweatshirt. When layering clothing, please keep in mind the **outer most layer of clothing MUST** be an Adams uniform shirt or uniform sweatshirt. A **heavy winter coat** (no jackets) may be worn to school but **must** be removed upon entering the building. Hooded sweatshirts will not be allowed. **Only 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may wear the gray sweaters from last year.**
12. Pants, skirts, shirts and shoes must be zipped, buttoned and/or fastened at all times.
13. Only Adams P.E. shorts and shirts are allowed.

### Reminder of Additional Jefferson Parish Dress Code Policy

Please refer to the 2016-2017 Procedures and Policies for Parents and Students for the complete two page list of additional Jefferson Parish Dress Code Policy. The following six rules answer commonly asked questions regarding district policy.

1. All students must have see-through book bags (i.e. clear plastic, or mesh).
2. Students' hair must be clean and combed. Hairstyles must not impair vision or cause disruption.
3. Except for pierced earrings worn on the ear lobe, no other pierced body jewelry is allowed.
4. Pants/skirts must be hemmed (**not frayed**). Uniforms cannot have cuts, holes, or slits. All pants must be the correct waist size and worn at the waist. **BIG, BAGGY PANTS or SKIN TIGHT PANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Pants **must not** be worn around or below the buttocks/hip area. Pants made of any kind of stretch fabric, spandex, or Lycra are **NOT** allowed.
5. Shoes without backs, shoes with rollers, shoes with excessively high heels or platform soles, or shoes that by their construction or condition may pose a safety risk are not allowed.
6. A student will wear appropriate undergarments.

*It is also the obligation of the school to enforce the attributes of personal hygiene, neatness, and safety. Therefore, all students must maintain a physical appearance in keeping with stated policy. Students violating stated dress code policy will be subject to disciplinary action.*

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