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**A Fully Accredited, Missouri A+ School District...**

Dear Center Elementary families,

This letter is to inform you that as we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we will no longer be requiring school uniforms for Center Elementary students.

As we have shared, Center Elementary is consistently making improvements to better serve your child. Our goal is to foster a school community focused on increasing student achievement.

With this goal, Center Elementary's leadership and staff explored the idea of moving away from school uniforms. We allowed students, parents and staff to participate in surveys last May to gauge feedback on continuing with the uniforms or no longer requiring them. According to survey results, students, parents, and staff all agreed that moving away from school uniforms would be the best decision for Center Elementary.

We wanted to inform parents as soon as possible to ensure families did not feel the need to purchase uniforms. In place of uniforms, students will be required to follow the Center School District Elementary Student/Parent Procedure manual dress code requirements. We have included School Dress language below.

### **School Dress**

School dress should reflect respect for self, family, and school. Extremes in dress, which disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the intended function of the school, are unacceptable. Following are some guidelines for appropriate student dress:

- In the school building, hats, head coverings, bandannas, gloves, chains, sunglasses, or revealing clothing are not to be worn.
- The wearing of clothing, coloring, insignias or other symbols indicating membership in, affiliations with, or support for prohibited organization, such as gangs, on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities is prohibited.
- Sagging, or words on the seat of the pants, is not permitted. Both pant legs must be worn down.
- Shirts and blouses must fully cover the waist. Straps must be at least one inch in width. Spaghetti straps are not allowed.
- Depicting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, violence, or obscenities in clothing is prohibited.
- Dresses, skirts and shorts must be fingertip length to be considered appropriate.
- Standard uniformed dress requirements should be adhered to at Center Elementary and Indian Creek Elementary.
- Shoes with wheels may not be worn to school. When in the judgment of the administration, a student's appearance or mode of dress is deemed inappropriate or a distraction to the learning environment, an attempt will be made to notify parents and the student will be required to make modifications.

\* This information can be found on Page 18 of the Elementary Student/Parent Procedure Manual:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1597357348/center/zlnqgpmk2emkbxez8hbw/20-21SYELEMENTARYSTUDENTPARENTPROCEDUREMANUAL20-21SY.pdf>

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions. Thank you for continuing to partner with us.

Thank you,

The Center School District Leadership Team