

School Uniform Policy

Introduction:

It is the intent of the uniform and dress code policies, herein referred to as the “policy,” to help provide a safe and disciplined learning environment which is the first requirement of a good school. The LIS School Community Council has determined that Lahaina Intermediate School shall require a school uniform for its students.

The potential benefits of students wearing school uniforms may include:

- Instilling students with pride and unity
- Reducing ethnic, social, and economic bias
- Decreasing violence and theft
- Identifying intruders or unwanted visitors to the campus
- Eliminating gang-related or inappropriate attire
- Helping students focus on learning
- Reducing the financial burden on parents
- Raising academic achievement

STATEMENT OF POLICY

- Lahaina Intermediate School has chosen to adopt a School Uniform Policy.
- Students attending LIS are required to wear the uniform Monday through Friday.
- Students granted waivers must adhere to the LIS School Dress Code.

COMPONENTS OF THE POLICY

1. Parental Involvement

The process of developing a school uniform met all criteria as established by the State of Hawaii BOE. The approval to proceed with the uniform policy was Granted by the LIS SCBM on June 13, 1996, and was approved by open ballot, Effective September 3, 1998. (See BOE Guideline #1)

2. Protection of Religious Expression

Lahaina Intermediate School shall follow the guidelines as set forth by the LIS Uniform Policy (07/19/96), the State of Hawaii BOE, and all applicable State And Federal laws. (See BOE Guideline #3)

3. Protection of Other Rights of Expression

Lahaina Intermediate School shall follow the guidelines as set forth by the LIS Uniform Policy (07/19/96), The State of Hawaii BOE, and all applicable State And Federal laws. (See BOE Guideline #3)

4. Waiver (Limited)

Lahaina Intermediate School shall follow the guidelines as set forth by the LIS Uniform Policy (07/19/96), the State of Hawaii BOE, and all applicable State and

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Federal laws, except as amended.

Parent/guardian and student wishing to be exempt from the Uniform Policy **must**:

- a. **Complete the Waiver Application (located in the main office) form and sign the statement of understanding.**
- b. **Meet with the Principal**

ALL WAIVERS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF STUDENT'S DATE OF ENTRY.
(Approved by the Office of the Attorney General)

5. **Required School Uniform Policy**

Students are required to wear the approved school uniform

- **Monday through Friday**
- **When on campus before, during, and after school.**

Optional dress days may be permitted at the

Discretion of the Principal. When permitted, optional dress must meet Dress Code regulations.

The official School Uniform is:

- a. **Official royal blue or white T-shirt**
- b. **Uniform bottoms have been left to the choice of the individual student as described in the LIS Dress Code Policy.**

6. **Dress Code**

Students granted a waiver from the approved School Uniform must follow the Dress Code regulations. Please see LIS Dress Code Policy.

7. **Discipline Procedure**

Students not in Uniform, whether by Waiver or due to optional dress, must be in Compliance with the Dress Code regulation. Anyone in violation of said Regulations will:

Be subject to disciplinary measures as approved for Class D Offenses.

LIS School Uniform Loaner Procedures

Students without uniforms will call home, obtain a "loaner" from the office, or purchase a new uniform.

- Students without money will be charged the price as an outstanding obligation.
- Defacing, ripping, or writing on a school uniform will result in confiscating the uniform and purchasing a new one.

Obtaining a Uniform Loaner Shirt from the Main Office:

- Provide the Main Office Clerk with their Cell Phone or item of equal value or necessity as collateral.
- The student must return the "loaner" to the Main Office at the end of the day to receive their collateral...*or*
- Parents will be notified to bring a uniform from home...*or*
- Student will be charged for a new uniform.

DRESS CODE POLICY

All students must wear clean, neat, and modest clothing to school. If a student has a Uniform Waiver, the student will abide by the following Dress Code.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS DETERMINED AT THE DISCRETION OF ADMINISTRATION

ACCEPTABLE

- School Uniform as described in the Lahaina Intermediate School Uniform Policy.
- Footwear - Covered shoes, Vans, Sandals, Slippers, Crocs, etc.
- Shirt - Must have finished edges at sleeves and hemlines.
- Shorts: The inseam of shorts must not be shorter than 4 inches in length
- Jeans that are not excessively distressed or ripped
- Skirts - Not shorter than the tips of the fingers when the arms are extended down the side of the body (case-by-case discretion)
- Hats - For outdoor use only - Appropriate hat logos only-to be determined at the discretion of the Administration

UNACCEPTABLE

- Defacing of school uniform (no writing, cutting, trimming, etc.)
- Heavy or excessive make-up
- Heavy rings, jewelry, and/or wearable chains that could serve as a potential weapon
- Tank tops
- Tube tops
- Spaghetti-strap tops
- Strapless outfits
- Blouses exposing the abdomen and back
- Transparent blouses
- Short shorts - The shorts' inseam is not shorter than 4 inches in length.
- Shirts must not be worn over the school uniform.
- Jackets/Hoodies must be unbuttoned or unzipped to reveal the school uniform.
- Excessively oversized or baggy clothing
- Gang-related, drug-related, alcohol-related, and sex-related symbols/designs on clothing
- Bandannas of *any* color
- Visible gang-related tattoos or skin graffiti...writing on skin with Sharpies, etc.

INCLUDING ANYTHING THAT DISTRACTS FROM THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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