



Chesapeake Math & IT Academy North Middle School

Uniform Policy

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Brauer".

Andrew Brauer
Principal

NOTE: This document outlines attire that is permissible at Chesapeake Math and IT Academy North Middle School. If there is any question about attire that is not specified in this policy, we recommend contacting administration for clarification prior to students' arrival at school.

Uniform Policy Overview

Students are expected to wear their Chesapeake Math and IT Academy (CMIT) uniform at all times and to dress and groom themselves to reflect cleanliness and safety. All students should dress appropriately so as not to disrupt or interfere with the educational program or the orderly operation of the school. The Principal or other authorized school official shall determine whether any particular use of the school uniform is in violation of the spirit and/or the intent of this school uniform policy. Students and parents are expected to honor the uniform code in order that valuable school time is not spent examining student attire to determine appropriateness. Students are not permitted to change out of their uniforms during or after school unless participating in an after school activity that requires non-uniform clothing. The uniform policy is in effect from the time students walk into the building to the end of the day when after school programs are over.

Applicability: The provisions of this policy apply to all students who are enrolled in middle school at CMIT. It is issued for information and guidance and requires compliance at all times. This policy is the sole source for dictation on what the school uniform and its components are and how to correctly wear them.

Enforcement: This policy defines the composition of authorized uniforms. Uniforms and components shall be worn as described in this policy. CMIT students must present a proud and professional appearance that will reflect positively on the individual and the school. All students shall comply with this policy and be available to teach others the correct wear of the uniforms. Exemplary appearance should be the norm for all students.

Changes to the Policy: Chesapeake Math and IT Academy has the right to make changes to the uniform policy, anytime needed. Parents and students will be notified if any changes are made in this policy.

Shoes

1. Shoes must be ALL BLACK, closed-toed dress shoes or athletic shoes only.
2. Slippers or thin-soled shoes, sandals, flip-flops, open-toed shoes, high-heeled shoes (heels must be not more than 1 inch), Crocs, slides, roller shoes, and shoes with wheels are not permitted.
3. For safety purposes, shoes must be worn at all times and shoelaces must be tied properly, all buckles fastened - nothing may dangle or drag from shoes.

Top Options

An embroidered CMIT school logo is required for all top options. The logo should only be embroidered on the left upper side (relative to the wearer) of the top apparel.

1. CMIT polo shirts must be a pique or jersey fabric in blue or orange for middle school. These polo shirts can be either short sleeve or long sleeve. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
2. CMIT sweatshirts and CMIT Hoodies in blue are allowed. These items are available from the authorized uniform vendor. This does not include items purchased through other vendors or fundraisers.
3. CMIT fleeces must be blue with either a half or full-zipper. The fleece requires that the student must still be wearing a CMIT shirt underneath - the fleece cannot be worn alone.
4. CMIT jackets and fleece-lined windbreakers (without a hood) also need to be blue. Other non-CMIT jackets or windbreakers (with or without a hood) may not be worn in the school building. They need to be placed in the lockers.
5. CMIT jackets may be embroidered with the students first name or first initial and last name. Embroidery must be white in color. Placement of name embroidery is on the right upper side (relative to the wearer). Name embroidery is optional.

Accessories

1. Belts must be a plain, solid black color. Grommets or ornamentation on the belt are not permitted. Belts are required to be worn properly with all pants or shorts. Belts must go through all the belt loops and be properly fastened or buckled. The belt must also be tightened enough to prohibit pants and shorts from sagging below the hips. Belts are not required with skirts unless the skirt is designed with belt loops.
2. Socks, stockings, tights, or hose may only be solid. Clear or skin-colored hose are also acceptable. Fishnet or other patterned stockings or hose are not permitted. Stockings, tights, or hose must cover the full length of the legs and feet. Leg warmers are not permitted.
3. Permissible jewelry:
 - a. Earrings must be no larger than the size of a quarter or 1-inch in length.
 - b. Necklaces and chains must be no more than 16-inches in length.
 - c. No more than three (3) necklaces, three (3) bracelets, three (3) rings, etc. may be worn at a time.
 - d. None of the items above may pose a safety hazard, cause a distraction, or represent weapons, contraband, racism, bullying or harassment of any kind.

Miscellaneous Guidelines for Regular and Casual Days

NOTE: Casual Days typically will take place on the first Friday of each month. However, students should wait for an email confirmation from the administrative team prior to dressing down.

1. Clothing should be neat and clean.
2. Clothing may not be worn inside out or backwards.
3. Undergarments must not be exposed.
4. Hair, face, and body paint are inappropriate for school and not permitted.
5. Cosmetics and/or make-up should be age-appropriate, appropriate for school, and not attract undue attention.
6. Clothing with rips, tears, holes or frayed edges is considered inappropriate for school and not permitted.
7. Jewelry and accessories should be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention or pose a safety risk.
8. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted and should not attract undue attention.
9. Hats, caps, curlers, headscarves, bandanas, dude-rags / doo rags, picks, combs, sweatbands, chains, sunglasses, tennis skirts, gloves, arm/leg warmers, and coats are not to be worn during school hours. That includes casual days. Headwraps for religious or cultural purposes may be permitted, if approved in advance. If approved, headwraps must be solid colors only.
10. Clothing that is excessively revealing, such as short mini-skirts, short-length shorts, yoga pants, tank tops, loosely fitting, low-cut shirts or halter tops, mesh shirts, or shirts exposing the midriff are not to be worn to school. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed, and that includes casual days. (This mainly applies to non-uniform and casual days at school.)
11. All clothing, notably t-shirts and sweatshirts, must be in good taste (no suggestive wording or illustrations or advertisements for items which are illegal for students - i.e., alcohol and tobacco products, etc. This mainly applies to non-uniform and casual days at school.)
12. Henleys or long sleeve shirts are not permitted to be worn under the school uniform at any time. If the student needs the extra warmth, long-sleeve uniform shirts are available - wearing a short sleeve uniform shirt with a long sleeve item of clothing underneath is not acceptable.
13. All outside coats and jackets may not be worn inside the school building. All outside coats and jackets must be put in the student's locker immediately upon entering the school building. The CMIT uniform includes an optional sweatshirt or zippered fleece for those students who need to have additional layers to remain warm.
14. Excessive multiple piercings are not allowed while in uniform so as not to attract undue attention or pose a safety risk.

Conduct. This disciplinary consequence may result in **out of school suspension**. The severity of the infraction and the student's willingness to cooperate with school officials and adhere to the standards of the dress code will be factored into disciplinary consequences.

2. Students who violate the uniform policy multiple times may be banned from having certain clothing options included in this uniform policy.
3. Certain uniform violations may cause students to wait for their parents to come with appropriate clothing.