

June 3, 2015

Dear Parent,

The Marlin ISD Board of Trustees approved a standardized dress code for all students in grades PK-8 at the special called meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. The newly adopted standardized dress code will be effective beginning the 2015-2016 school year. Feedback from parents, students, community members, and district personnel assisted campus and district administration in realizing the positive impact that a standardized mode of dress can have on the educational environment for both the elementary and middle school campuses.

## **Standardized Mode of Dress for Students in Grades PK-8**

*To be Effective the 2015 -2016 School Year*

The standardized mode of dress is as follows:

### **Shirts:**

- Polo-type (collared) shirts must be solid in any color, not stripes or other designs
- Must have sleeves – long or short
- Must be tucked in at all times

### **Pants and Skirts:**

- Black, navy or khaki only
- Skirts/shorts must be no more than 2” above the knee
- Must be proper waist size and worn at the waist; no sagging
- Belts must be solid black or brown (no decorative belts) and must be worn if the garment has belt loops
- Cut-off, frayed or un-hemmed garments are not permitted

### **Additional Information:**

- Solid plain sweatshirts or sweaters are permitted to be worn over the polo shirts.
- Heavy coats are to be worn outside during cold weather, but will not be permitted to be worn during instructional class times.
- Light jackets or wind breakers may be worn in the building, but must be a solid color.
- Hoods or hats are not to be worn in the building.
- Open-toe shoes such as sandals (or backless shoes), house shoes, or slippers are not permitted.

### **Expectations for Standardized Mode of Dress**

1. Students will be expected to follow the standardized mode of dress Monday-Thursday.
2. Students may wear jeans and Marlin Bulldog spirit gear or college spirit gear on Fridays only. If not wearing spirit gear, students will be expected to follow the standardized mode of dress.
3. Shirts are to be worn tucked in.
4. Students are expected to wear closed toe shoes.
5. Brand names or logos on shirts or pants are not to be larger than 2 sq. inches.
6. Student violations of standardized mode of dress will be addressed just as any other conduct violation and will be resolved in accordance with student code of discipline.

Once again, the administration and faculty of Marlin Elementary School and Marlin Middle School are excited about these upcoming changes and look forward to working with parents and students to make Marlin ISD an educational environment unparalleled in student achievement and performance. The newly adopted standardized mode of dress is just one more way in which students can reflect their commitment to a culture of discipline and academic achievement.

Please contact campus administration if you have any questions regarding the implementation of the standardized mode of dress. We will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

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