

## **Dress And Grooming**

Fresno Unified School District

### Exemption From School Uniform Program

The FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT has adopted a policy on student uniforms. The Governing Board with input from students, teachers, parents/guardians, and administrators has developed the following rationale to support uniforms:

Improved campus safety, security, and attendance

Improved school spirit and pride

Improved sense of belonging and acceptance

Improved attitudes and seriousness about school

Improved focus on school rather than fashion

Uniforms have set the stage for a show of respect for the students' teachers and their peers. They also instill a sense of seriousness and respect for what is being done in the learning environment.

If the parent(s) or guardian desires to exempt his or her child from the student uniform program, they must comply with the following procedures:

Request in person an Application for Exemption from the student's uniform program. This may be obtained from the student's current school site..

Complete the application in full and return it to the school principal or designee.

Meet with the school principal or designee to discuss the student uniform program and the nature of the objection to comply with the school's dress uniform; code. The exemption will be filed in the student's cum folder.

An exemption request is valid only for the current school year and must be renewed at the beginning of each school year.

Students must still comply with the school's dress and grooming code in the safety plan.

### APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FOR STUDENT UNIFORM CODE PROGRAM

Name of person submitting this application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above. I choose not to have my child named above comply with the student uniform dress program adopted at my child's school during the current school year. I hereby request an exemption from the student uniform dress program on behalf of the above named student for the current school year at the above referenced school. I understand that this exemption is for the current school year only.

The reason for my application for this exemption is as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that the exemption will be effective after I have met with the designated school site administrator. I understand that a student exempted from participation in a school uniform dress program by his/her parent/guardian, must comply with the minimum dress and grooming code in the school's safety plan.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date of Request

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Signature of School Administrator Date of Conference

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