

## Clarkdale Dress Code – Areas of Clarification

Clarkdale is a school of excellence, and we want to communicate and demonstrate excellence in all we do, including the consistency with which we enforce policies and procedures. As you buy uniforms for the 2008-2009 school year, the following information will ensure that the uniforms you purchase are in compliance with District Policy. The following information does not include the entire Dress Code Policy. The entire policy is in the District Student Handbook.

The following changes have been made in the dress code:

- Flip flops (except for the “shower shoe” or “house shoe” type) can be worn.
- Cargo pants can be worn.

The District Policy requires that schools have three school colors for tops. These official colors for Clarkdale are maroon, white and grey. Since Clarkdale students began wearing black polo shirts last year, and parents have invested in this color, black will continue to be permitted as a color for tops during the 2008-2009 school year. The purchase of additional black tops is discouraged, as the color black (for tops) will be reexamined this year.

The District Policy prohibits brand logos, labels, insignias, print, writing, or monogramming on tops (other than the school insignia/logo). Again, since parents and students have invested in clothes with logos, etc., and they have been previously permitted, we will use this year to transition away from logos. Therefore, we discourage the purchase of additional tops with logos, as they will not be permitted beginning in August 2009 (based on District Policy). The only logos that will be permitted during this year of transition are small, rather inconspicuous logos/insignias. It is my understanding that this is all that was permitted last year.

All tops and pants must be worn properly (as intended), which means that borders, fringe and other additions/alterations to the clothing are not permitted. All outer tops must be solid colors (no stripes, etc.), and must be “polo” or “oxford” style (button, collared shirts). Shirts with no collars, including Under Armor, t-shirts, or any non-collared shirts can not be worn as outer tops.

A belt must be worn properly with any bottoms that have belt loops.

We will have t-shirt Fridays. Guidelines will be communicated as school gets underway, and additional communication will be sent home at a later time. Occasional “blue jean days” will be permitted for students who consistently exhibit good behavior. These days will be clearly communicated in advance.

Finally, shirts must be tucked at all times (males). We will be consistent with this aspect of student dress, as it represents good dress habit since places of business, employers, and the general community expectation includes shirts being tucked.

The dress code will be enforced consistently this year. Again, my desire is for everyone to work as a team to accomplish the goal of reinforcing good dress and grooming habits.