

Excel Academy Middle School Uniform Guidelines

Purchasing of Clothing

There are two uniforms at Excel Academy's middle school campuses. They are the Regular School Uniform and the Fitness Uniform. Every student is required to have both. Students wear the Fitness uniform on days they have Fitness Class as well as on Friday.

Families may purchase all uniform items at the store of their choice except the grey t-shirt and blue fitness sweatpants and blue fitness shorts which **MUST BE** purchased from an approved vendor and **MUST** have the Excel logo printed on them.

Contact information of approved vendors and order forms will be distributed to families.

Dress Code: Regular School Uniform (for Boys and Girls)

Mandatory Items (Every student must have the following items.)

- Navy blue polo shirt:
 - Polo shirts may be short or long-sleeved, and may or may not feature an Excel logo.
 - Polo shirts must be worn tucked in while inside the school building.
- Khaki-colored (tan) dress pants, shorts, or skirt.
 - Khaki pants must have belt loops and must be worn with a belt (see below). Students may NOT wear khaki pants that are low-rise, flare, bell-bottom, cargo (more than two front pockets and two back pockets), wide-legged, overly tight or baggy, or made of denim or corduroy.
 - Capri-length pants are allowed so long as they meet the requirements of khaki pants noted above.
 - Khaki shorts may be pleated or non-pleated and must have belt loops and be worn with a belt. Khaki shorts may not be shorter than the top of the student's knee and may not be cargo shorts.
 - Khaki skirts may be pleated or non-pleated and may not be shorter than the top of the student's knee. It is not required to wear a belt with a khaki skirt.
 - Khaki pants, shorts, or skirts may not be torn.
 - Students may NOT wear clothing with logos, unless it is the Excel logo. No other logos are allowed.
- Black, Brown or Navy blue belts.
 - Students must wear a belt when wearing khaki pants or shorts. Belts may be black, brown, or navy blue.
 - Belts may not be overly wide nor have oversized buckles.
- Socks or tights:
 - Students may wear white, navy blue, gray, or black socks or tights.
 - Socks must match each other.
 - Socks must be solid colors with no visible patterns or logos.
- Black dress shoes or sneakers.

- Shoes must be 100% black with no other color logos or metal.
- Shoes must be tied and Velcro must be fastened at all times.
- Soles of shoes must be all black.

Optional Items

(Students may choose to wear the following in addition to the mandatory school dress code. All items below may not have any logos except the Excel logo.)

- Navy blue crewneck sweatshirt with or without Excel's logo.
 - We recommend that each student own a sweatshirt, fleece, or sweater to ensure they are comfortable in class, as temperatures can fluctuate slightly.
 - Hooded sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Navy blue fleece with or without Excel's logo.
- Navy blue crewneck sweater, with or without Excel's logo.
 - Hooded sweaters are not allowed.
- Undershirt
 - Students may wear undershirts that are white, black, navy blue, or gray, and are solid in color.
 - Long-sleeve undershirts are acceptable and must be either white, black, navy blue, or gray and may not have writing on the sleeves.

Dress Code: Fitness Uniform (for Boys and Girls)

Mandatory Items:

- Grey t-shirt with Excel logo.**
 - Plain grey t-shirts are not acceptable.
- Navy blue sweatpants or shorts with an Excel logo.**
 - Sweatpants must have elastic intact. Students who cut or remove elastic will be out of uniform and required to repurchase the proper sweatpants.
- White, navy blue, gray, or black socks with no visible patterns or logos.
- All black sneakers. It is required that fitness shoes meet the same standard as sneakers for the academic uniform. They must be all black, with no colored logos or metal.

**Parents MUST PURCHASE the grey t-shirt with Excel's logo and blue sweatpants or shorts with Excel's logo from an approved vendor.

Optional Items:

- Navy blue crewneck sweatshirt with or without Excel's logo.
 - This may be the same as the sweatshirt from the School Dress Code.
 - Hooded sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Navy blue shorts with Excel logo.
 - Shorts must be 100% Navy blue, and may not have non-Excel logos.

- Shorts must be appropriately sized.

Other Dress Code Specifics

- In general, students may not wear clothing with logos, unless it is the Excel logo.
- Clothing must be sized appropriately to fit the student. Clothes may not be too big or too small.
- Students may not wear clothing with significant stains (e.g. large ink blots, food stains, etc.).
- Students may not alter their clothing in any way (e.g. writing/drawing, cutting, etc.)
- Once students enter the school building, wearing of hats, bandanas, doo-rags, kerchiefs, or jackets is not permitted. Hats worn in the school building will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. Repeated violations of this policy will necessitate a parent coming to pick up the confiscated item from school.
- Please keep in mind that students are held accountable for any messages worn on accessories or clothing (bracelets, shirts, hats, pins on backpacks, etc.) including both written words and symbols. Wearing a statement will receive the same consequences as saying the statement aloud. In addition to issuing consequences for inappropriate messages on clothing, the school may confiscate and return to the student's parent or guardian clothing or accessories with inappropriate messages.
- When students enter the school building, they must be in the proper uniform. Students must be in uniform while on school grounds and may not change out of their uniform before dismissal.
- Shirts must be tucked in, shoelaces must be tied and Velcro must be fastened at all times.
- Students may not use cell phones, or headphones/music equipment unless specifically given permission from a staff member while in the school building. These items may be confiscated and the student will be subject to disciplinary consequences.
- Students who wear the wrong uniform for a given day (i.e. wearing the Fitness Uniform on a day on which they should wear the School Uniform or vice versa) are considered out of uniform.

Dress Code Exemptions

Exemptions to the uniform dress code shall be permitted when the dress code's requirements infringe upon a student's sincerely held religious belief or when dress code requirements are incompatible with a student's individual physical or mobility needs. Exemptions from the dress code must be appropriate and approved by the Head of School or Dean of Students.