

UNIFORM & DRESS

The administration, faculty, and staff of Kennedy wish to establish a climate in which learning can flourish without the distractions of extremes in dress. We believe that the principles of modesty, simplicity, good taste, and neatness are core values in the selection of dress. This **uniform policy is mandatory for all Kennedy students** as carefully outlined below.

Policy

- **ID – School issued photo ID must be worn around the neck at all times by all students. 6th grade lanyards must be red; 7th grade must be white; 8th grade must be navy blue. One lanyard will be given with the ID at the beginning of school at no charge. Replacement ID is \$5.00. Replacement lanyard is \$2.00.**
- **All students are required to wear uniforms daily.** Students are not permitted to change into their uniforms upon arrival to school in the morning or before leaving school in the afternoon; students must remain in uniform for Late Day, RTS, and other after school programs/activities.

The uniform will be white or navy polo shirts with no more than three buttons, and navy blue slacks, shorts, skirts, skorts or capris.

- ❖ No coats, jackets, or hoodies of any kind may be worn in the classroom at anytime.
- ❖ Exposing the stomach area or upper torso of the body is not allowed. Shirts that are too short to be tucked in, and stay tucked in, are not acceptable. If the midriff shows when the arms are raised shoulder high, the shirt is unacceptable.
- ❖ There will be **no substitutions or alterations of the uniform** (such as pins, strings, rubber bands, ponytail holders, or ties of any kind on shirt /pants). Pants may not be rolled or tucked under (hems should be free-falling) and uniforms must be kept clean and neat (no stickers, writing, etc.). **If you alter your uniform in any way, you will be considered out of uniform.**
- ❖ No mesh or nylon shorts or pants and no sweats with elastic bottoms.
- ❖ No large belt buckles. Belts must be worn through belt loops and around the waist at all time. Failure to do so will result in a referral in violation of the Rockford Discipline Code.
- ❖ Facial piercings will not be allowed.
- ❖ Only natural hair color will be permitted.
- ❖ Caps, scarves, bandanas, armbands, sweatbands, do rags, rubber bands, sunglasses or headbands that look like scarves/ bandanas are not allowed in school.
- ❖ No rattail combs; no combs or picks of any kind may be worn in the hair.
- ❖ Anything else not listed but considered by staff to be a distraction to the learning environment will not be allowed in school.

- ❖ Students who come to school without a complete uniform will be asked to call home for proper uniform attire or borrow a uniform from the school uniform shop.

Homeroom teachers will check uniforms every morning during first hour, and every subsequent teacher/ staff members will check throughout the day. Repeated requests to comply with the uniform policy will result in a referral for ALE.

After 5 uniform violations, students will receive a referral for 1 day of ALE for each occurrence.

*Students **must be in uniform** for all school sponsored events/activities unless instructed otherwise by the staff sponsor.*

Boy's Uniforms

These are the regulations for the boy's uniforms at Kennedy:

1. **ID** – All students **must wear their own** school issued photo ID around the neck at all times. Defaced ID will be collected and must be replaced at the cost of the student (\$5.00).
2. **Shirts** – Polo shirts will be solid white or navy blue only – **Maximum 3 buttons similar to those purchased at school.** The shirts may be either long or short sleeved. No logos are permitted except the school name and logo. Solid colored navy blue or white sweaters or sweatshirts with a crew neck or V-neck may be worn over the uniform shirt (collar outside). No hoodies will be allowed. Long or short sleeve tees worn under polos must be navy or white only (**NO colored tees or PE shirts will be allowed under polos**). Tees must be tucked into pants.
3. **Slacks** – Uniform slacks of navy blue color. No cargo pants (pants with large side pockets.) **Pants are to be worn at the waist in an unaltered fashion** (pants must hang at the bottom – no folding, tucking, pinning, tying, or banding pant legs in any manner). The length of the pants should not exceed beyond or below the heel of the shoe. No jeans/jean style or flannels of any color or type may be worn. No elastic bottom sweats.
4. **Shoes and socks** – Low heeled shoes (loafers, dress shoes, deck shoes, athletic shoes, or hiking style boots) are permitted. No flip-flops, bedroom slippers, sandals or open-toed shoes are permitted. Socks must be worn with all shoes. Shoes must not have wheels.
5. **Shorts** – Loose fitting walking style shorts (no cargos) of navy blue color may be worn. Shorts may not be more than 2 inches above the knee in length (rule of thumb: 2 inches from floor while kneeling).
6. **Jewelry** – No facial piercings. Large chains, spikes, medallions, ethnic, and gang style jewelry are not permitted. No spiked jewelry will be permitted.

Girl's Uniforms

These are the regulations for the girl's uniforms at Kennedy:

1. **ID** – All students **must wear their own** school issued photo ID around the neck at all times. Defaced ID will be collected and must be replaced at the cost of the student (\$5.00).
2. **Shirts** – Polo shirts will be collared solid white or navy only - **Maximum 3 buttons similar to those purchased at school.** The shirts may be either long or short sleeved. No logos are permitted except the school name and logo. Solid colored navy blue or white cardigan sweaters or sweatshirts with a crew neck or V-neck may be worn over the uniform shirt (collars outside). No hoodies will be allowed. Long or short sleeve tees worn under polos **must be navy or white.** No visible lace or trimmed camis/tees. All tees, camis, undergarments must be tucked into the pants.
3. **Slacks** – Uniform slacks of navy blue color. No cargo pants (pants with large side pockets.) **Pants are to be worn at the waist in an unaltered fashion** (pants must hang at the bottom – no folding, tucking, pinning, tying, or banding pant legs in any manner). The length of the pants should not exceed beyond or below the heel of the shoe. No jeans/ jean style or flannels of any color or type may be worn. No sweats with elastic bottoms.
4. **Shoes and socks** – Low heeled shoes (loafers, dress shoes, deck shoes, athletic shoes, or hiking style boots) are permitted. No flip-flops, bedroom slippers, sandals, open-toed, or high heel shoes are permitted. Socks must be worn with all shoes. No shoes with wheels.
5. **Shorts/skorts/capris** – Loose fitting walking style shorts of navy blue color may be worn. Shorts and skorts may not be more than 2 inches above the knee in length (rule of thumb: 2 inches from floor while kneeling).
6. **Skirts** – Uniform skirts of navy blue color are to be worn in an unaltered fashion. The skirts should be loose fitting. Skirts may be no shorter than two inches above the knee with no slits (rule of thumb: 2 inches from floor while kneeling). Long skirts of navy blue having no slits above the knee will be permitted. No pants, flannels, leggings, or tights may be worn under skirts.
7. **Jewelry** – No facial piercings. Large chains, medallions, ethnic, and gang style jewelry are not permitted. No spiked jewelry is permitted.

Kennedy Spirit Shirts and Team Uniforms

Kennedy spirit wear is available for purchase in the main office. Kennedy sweatshirts may be worn anytime over the polo collared shirt (collars must be worn outside). Eligible players may wear team uniforms on **game days only** at the discretion of the coach. Polo shirts must be worn under jerseys/shirts with collars showing.

Picture Retakes

Students must have their pictures taken in their uniforms during picture retakes. The only opportunity to have pictures taken out of uniform is during fall registration as stated in the end-of-year and summer letters to parents.

CLOTHING CAN BE PURCHASED AT JC PENNEY, KOHLS, WAL-MART OR TARGET STORES. UNIFORM SHIRTS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT REGISTRATION IN AUGUST and THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

ALL STAFF IS ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THE KENNEDY UNIFORM.

If students come to school out of uniform, parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing, or students will be expected to wear clothing from the school uniform shop. Students will not be allowed in their regular classes until they are in uniform.

Clothing will not be lent to students because of stains or because they are cold. Please be sure students bring appropriate sweaters/sweatshirts for these purposes or keep them available in their lockers.

Clothing borrowed from the school uniform shop that is not returned will be billed quarterly (polo shirt/sweatshirts - \$7, pants - \$10). Book deposits will not be returned at the end of the school year if there are outstanding fees.

The last day of school is the only no uniform day (no exceptions!). Dress code in the Student/Parent Handbook must be followed.