

STUDENTS

7:165 School Uniforms

P.A.E.C. students are expected to wear school uniforms, as described in the Student Handbook, to school on all school attendance days, in order to maintain and promote orderly school functions, student safety, and a positive learning environment. The Building Principal is authorized to designate days on which this uniform policy is relaxed.

No student shall be denied attendance at school, penalized, or otherwise subject to compliance measures for failing to wear a uniform because of:

1. Financial hardship;
2. Hairstyles, including hairstyles historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists;
3. Graduation attire or accessories to graduation attire associated with the student's cultural, ethnic, or religious identity or other characteristic or category protected under the Ill. Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-103(Q); or
4. Religious objection by the student's parent/guardian to the student's compliance with this policy or the applicable uniform, if they have provided the Executive Director with a signed statement detailing their objection.

Any student eligible for reduced or free lunches, or for a waiver of student fees, is eligible for financial assistance toward the purchase of school uniforms. The Executive Director or designee shall develop a process for informing parents/guardians of the availability of financial assistance and a method to process financial requests.

No student shall be suspended or expelled from school, or receive a lowered academic grade, because of failing to comply with this policy.

LEGAL REF:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.25 and 5/10-22.25b.

CROSS REF: 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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Proviso Area for Exceptional Children (P.A.E.C.)
