

# Dressing for Success in Kannapolis City Schools

## Important information about school uniforms

KCS students in grades Kindergarten through 8 have worn uniforms since the 2005-2006 school year. This policy is designed not only to add an extra layer of safety and discipline to our schools but also to create an atmosphere that is focused on academics and learning. That is why we refer to it as, "Dressing for Success in KCS."

Since we began a uniform policy in grades K – 12, there has been a dramatic improvement in attendance, behavior, and grades. Many more KCS students are on the honor roll, and fewer students are being suspended. Uniforms have been a tremendous success.

The uniform policy for lower grades allows a variety of uniform styles and colors at each school. However, all shirts will have to be collared, and no insignias will be allowed except for school logos. The policy also requires pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts to be made of a twill-like material (**no jeans**). Students in grades 5 through 12 must wear belts if their bottom wear has belt loops; however, kindergarten students will NOT be required to wear belts. In fact, for these younger students, we *encourage* pants and shorts with elastic waistbands.

Below is the list of uniform colors:

### **ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Tops: red, blue, green, black & white  
Bottoms: black, khaki, & navy blue

### **KANNAPOLIS MIDDLE**

Tops for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: light blue & forest green  
Tops for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: navy blue & red  
Bottoms: black, khaki, & navy blue

### **KANNAPOLIS INTERMEDIATE**

Tops for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: navy blue & burgundy  
Tops for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: light blue & forest green  
Bottoms: black, khaki, & navy blue

### **A.L. BROWN HIGH**

Tops for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades: white, gray, navy blue & green  
Bottoms: black, khaki, & navy blue

Uniforms are widely available at area stores. Lee Clothing Warehouse in downtown Kannapolis has uniforms in stock. The Kannapolis Wal-Mart store also should have them available before the start of the school year. Other stores that carry uniforms include Target, Belk, J.C. Penney, the Gap, Goody's, and Dollar General.

If you cannot afford uniforms for your child, KCS may be able to provide them. Please see your school principal for details of how you can get a uniform for your child.

If you would like to see a copy of the entire school uniform policy, you may visit our website at <http://www.kannapolis.k12.nc.us> or ask for a copy from your school.

If you have any questions about uniforms for your child, please contact your school office.