

Rumson Uniform Dress Code Survey

Dear Parents,

Periodically, there are those who inquire about a uniform dress code for students in our schools. Since this subject has come up recently, we would like to know your opinions about this topic. For purposes of this survey, a uniform dress code is defined as:

- Black, navy blue or khaki pants or shorts for boys
- Black, navy blue or khaki skirts, skorts, slacks or shorts for girls
- Solid color short or long sleeve shirts with a collar for boys and girls
- Weather appropriate additions such as solid color sweater over the collared shirt
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Your opinion is very important to us! Action to change school policy may be taken depending upon the response to this survey. So please complete this survey and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, June 21st. Results of the survey will be posted on our district website.

Thank you,

Maryrose Caulfield-Sloan

336 families responded out of 576 total surveys sent home for a 58% response rate which is below the required response rate of 80% needed to make a change in policy. There will not be NO CHANGE in the dress code at this time. Percentages for each response out of a total possible 336 responses are indicated next to each response.

1. What areas would the implementation of a uniform dress code significantly impact? (check all that apply)
 - School safety = **15%**
 - Respect for self and others = **53%**
 - Attitude = **43%**
 - Motivation/self esteem = **39%**
 - Discipline/behavior = **38%**
 - Competition among peers = **62%**
 - None of the above = **24%**
2. What are the most important considerations you would have for a uniform dress code? (check all that apply)
 - Value for the money = **12%**
 - Style = **12%**
 - Comfort = **24%**
 - All of the above = **55%**
3. Implementing a uniform dress would be financially beneficial to your family?
 - Yes = **47%**
 - No = **48%**
4. Implementing a uniform dress code would be a financial hardship to your family?
 - Yes = **8%**
 - No = **85%**
5. What type of uniform dress code do you prefer?
 - Uniform dress code every day. = **10%**
 - Uniform dress code every day, with occasional "free days" as student rewards. = **28%**
 - Uniform dress code Monday through Thursday, "free Fridays" and other specified days. = **35%**
 - None of the above = **32%**
6. Do you believe our current school dress code is adequate?
 - Agree = **41%**
 - Neutral = **30%**
 - Disagree = **15%**
 - Strongly disagree = **11%**
7. I support the implementation of a uniform dress code in the Rumson Schools.
 - Agree = **48%**
 - Disagree = **31%**
 - Neutral = **21%**

(31% + 21% = 52% either disagreed or were neutral)