

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, it's time to start thinking about next school year. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a very important change to the Dress Code/Uniform Policy at STEM Launch K-8 for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. This year we made exceptions to the Dress/Uniform Code Policy on jackets and other clothing like solid black or grey sweatshirts. Unfortunately, this also caused a lot of confusion for students, staff and parents. In order to alleviate confusion for all involved, STEM Launch K-8 will be 100% uniform school wide. This will include: khaki pants, STEM Launch- t-shirts, STEM Launch polo's and STEM Launch hoodies and sweatshirts. This means that student will be expected to wear STEM Launch clothing ONLY inside of the building every day during school, and on field trips. Students may wear warmer coats and clothing during the colder months, but must be placed inside of the student's locker when arriving inside of the building.

Below you will find the dress/uniform code policy that will be in place for next school year. The order form attached to this letter will be your last opportunity to order through the school for this year. Online ordering will be available throughout the summer at <http://www.teamathletics.com/default.aspx> and will take approximately 3 weeks to be shipped directly to you. In addition, some STEM Launch clothing will be available for purchase at school. Currently, we have a supply of clothing at STEM Launch K-8 in various sizes. These items include, STEM Polo's \$12, STEM T-Shirts \$10, and STEM Hoodies \$25. Please have the exact amount in CASH when purchasing through the school or the order form that is attached. Please anticipate these changes as the Dress/Uniform Code Policy will be strictly enforced from the beginning of the 2013-2014 school years.

Thank you for your understanding,

Bill Swearingen  
Assistant Principal  
STEM Launch K-8

## **STEM Launch K-8 Dress/Uniform code Policy:**

To promote and ensure a focused and productive learning environment, all clothing and accessories must follow district Superintendent's policy (code: 5060) and the STEM Launch Handbook. If students, parents or guardians are in need of assistance understanding or meeting our schools requirements, please contact any administrator. We are here to help.

### **STEM Launch specific requirements:**

Mondays through Thursdays all student will wear STEM Launch tees, polo's, sweatshirts, or hoodies. Pants, shorts, skirts, or Capri's must be solid light tan (Khaki) in color.

Fridays are "jean" days. Solid BLUE, black, or tan long denim pants, shorts, skirts, or capris are allowed with a STEM Launch tee, polo, sweatshirts, or hoodies. NO other jean colors will be allowed.

While on field trips or during out of school activities students are expected to follow the Monday through Thursday policy (polo's preferred or required.)

### **Undershirts, Sweat Shirts and Hoodies:**

**The word "solid" means: NO numbers, letters, words, symbols, logos, patterns, or artwork.**

Sweatshirts and hoodies worn as a standalone are allowed only if they are STEM hoodies. If the hoody is taken off at any time, the student must have appropriate STEM Launch logoed clothing underneath.

Undershirts worn beneath the STEM logoed uniform must be either solid white, black or solid grey

### **Other exclusions:**

"Sagging" pants by intention or design.

Not Hats of any kind inside of the building unless exempted by an administrator.

Clothing that is intentionally ripped or distressed.

No holes or frayed edges.

Jewelry or accessories that could pose a safety issue or distraction.

Modifications to STEM clothing.

Any coats, sweaters, head wear, jewelry or clothing that does not meet the above requirements must be immediately removed and placed in a locker after entering the building. Consequences may include, but are not limited to; warning and removal, review of policy and changing into school sweats, office referral, detention, exclusion or suspension for up to 10 days.

**Special days, exceptions or modifications to our dress code will be clearly communicated to students, parents and staff.**