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## Uniforms at Thorpe Gordon STEM Academy

### Uniform Rationale

Just as a doctor puts on a white coat and a postal worker suits up to deliver mail, a child putting on a school uniform each day helps them transition into their role as a student. The uniform helps distinguish school from home and prepares the mind and body for entering an environment in which they will learn, explore, play and interact with others.

### Benefits to Uniforms

- ★ Create a sense of belonging by helping students feel part of a team;
- ★ Help to streamline the morning routine by eliminating time spent choosing an outfit;
- ★ Provide an increased sense of group identification and safety;
- ★ Increase the feeling of inclusion and comfort for students;
- ★ Promote pride by identifying the students and staff as part of the district's only STEM school;
- ★ Save money for parents as daily clothes purchases are no longer necessary, and uniforms can be handed down and reused.

### Uniform Expectations at TGSA

- ★ TGSA will provide each student with two collared polo shirts to wear during the school year.
- ★ TGSA will provide additional, low-cost, t-shirt options for families to purchase.
- ★ TGSA families who are unable to purchase TGSA shirts should contact the school principal for assistance and support.
- ★ Students are asked to wear khaki or denim bottoms with their TGSA shirts.
- ★ Additional TGSA shirts will be available at school to be used on an as needed basis to be worn during school hours. Shirts will be laundered after use and kept in the TGSA supply for ready availability.
- ★ Students are highly encouraged to be in uniform at all times while on campus or during field trips.
- ★ Students will not be disciplined or suspended for being out of uniform.
- ★ Families who do not wish to attend TGSA because of these uniform expectations may request a transfer to another elementary school by contacting the Office of Elementary Education.