

Principal's Message

Our students play a very important role each day as they grow, learn and build those academic and personal skills necessary to be successful individuals.

We believe that mandatory uniforms, which began 2008, encourages a greater sense of community among all students at Bay Point. We want all children at Bay Point to learn and reach their highest potential.

In this day and age our children are being bombarded with media, others' values, as they are striving to be a part of something. They want a sense of belonging with their peers. Soccer, basketball, cheerleading, dance, all require a uniform identifying them as a part of that group. It provides them with a visual sense of pride as well as having team member goals. Technology has created chat rooms, blogs, international groups, webkins, videogame rooms, etc. - all offering a sense of belonging or being a part of something in addition to family.

As parents we would like to influence our children's choices as they grow older and more independent. At school we want to develop those same senses of responsibility, goal setting, and membership. There are many things we do to develop that and uniforms are one way to visually send that message of being a community of learners.

"Teach their child to dress neatly and appropriately for school since it is a place to work and learn."

Pinellas County Schools
CODE of STUDENT CONDUCT
5500.01—Parental Responsibilities, D.

Uniform Resources

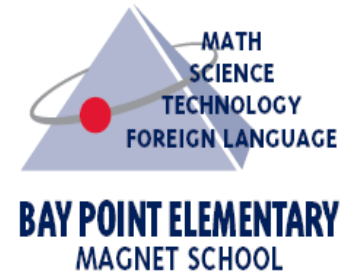
Bealls:	www.beallsflorida.com
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WalMart:	www.wal-mart.com

PTA

For a nominal fee Bay Point Elementary logo T-shirts and sweatshirts may be purchased from:

BPE Parent-Teacher Association
www.bpepta.org

**MANDATORY SCHOOL
UNIFORM POLICY**



*Center for the Advancement of
the Sciences and Technology*

727.552.1449
www.pcsb.org/baypoint-es

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St. Petersburg, FL 33712

**Bay Point Elementary Magnet School
MANDATORY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

Bottoms

- Solid khaki/tan or navy blue
- Free of writing and designs
- Shorts, skirts, jumpers, or long pants
- No denim (jeans) material

Tops

- Solid navy blue or white, with collars, short or long sleeve polo-style
- Free of writing and designs
- Bay Point Elementary School logo T-shirts sold by the PTA
- White or navy blue turtlenecks are allowed in the winter months

Sweatshirts and Sweaters

- Solid navy blue or white sweatshirts or sweaters for use in classrooms
- Non-uniform jackets may be worn to and from school, but not in the classrooms

Shoes

- Shoes must enclose the foot and heel and fit properly so that the student may be safe participating in daily Physical Education classes and other school activities.

Special Days

Students may be out of uniform on:

- Individual Picture Day
- First Friday of the month
- School activity days identified by the administration.

**All attire must comply with
Pinellas County Schools
Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5500.04**

**Excerpt from Pinellas County Schools policy 5500.04
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT—DRESS CODE**

The dress and grooming of District students shall be neat and clean, promoting a positive educational environment. Apparel that disrupts educational activities and processes of the school will result in the removal of the student from the regular school environment until acceptable apparel can be secured for the student. The administration will be the final judge about whether a student's clothing is appropriate for school or whether it will create an environmental climate that is distracting to learning. Principals, faculty, and staff members will enforce the dress code. Failure to comply with the dress code will be handled similarly to other disciplinary infractions. Non-compliance may result in consequences including but not limited to detention, in-school suspension and loss of eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Pursuant to F.S. 1006.07, wearing clothes that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the learning environment will have the following specific consequences. In addition to these consequences, the violation shall be corrected before the student is allowed back in the regular school environment:

- A. For a first offense, a student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal (or designee) shall call the student's parent or guardian.
- B. For a second offense, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed 5 days and the school principal (or designee) shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.
- C. For a third or subsequent offense, a student shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to F.S. 1003.01(5) for a period not to exceed 3 days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed 30 days, and the school principal (or designee) shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Individual schools may have additional dress and grooming requirements, if recommended by administrators, faculty, and staff, and if approved by a majority of School Advisory Council (SAC) members. Notice of amended requirements must be provided to all parents in a timely manner through at least one (1) written or verbal communication and published in a document, such as the school handbook or student planner.

Requirements for student dress in all schools are listed below:

- A. All shirts and blouses must cover midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments including bra straps at all times. All shirts, tops, and dresses shall have sleeves and cover the shoulders.
- B. Shorts, skirts, divided skirts, dresses and culottes are allowed. They must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- C. All trousers, pants, or shorts must totally cover undergarments, including boxer shorts.
- D. All clothing, jewelry, or tattoos shall be free of the following: profanity; violent images, wording or suggestion; sexually suggestive phrases or images; gang related symbols; alcohol, tobacco, drugs or advertisements for such products.
- E. Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, roller skates, skate shoes, and bedroom slippers.

Further Clarification/Other Requirements:

- A. Form fitting leotard/spandex type clothing (including sport bras) is not allowed unless proper outer garments cover it.
 - B. See through or mesh fabric clothing may only be worn over clothing meeting requirements.
 - C. Clothing must be appropriate size, with the waist of the garment worn at the student's waist.
 - D. Clothing not properly buttoned, zipped, fastened, or with inappropriate holes or tears shall not be worn.
 - E. Clothing and footwear traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments.
 - F. Sunglasses may not be worn inside unless a parent provides a doctor's note to the school.
 - G. Bandanas or sweatbands are not allowed to be visible on school grounds during the regular school hours.
 - H. Hats or other head coverings may be worn during outside P.E. activities and may not be worn during any portion of the regular school day without the expressed permission of the principal.
 - I. If the school has a mandatory school uniform policy, the student must adhere to those requirements.
- [NOTE: Bay Point Elementary Magnet DOES have a mandatory school uniform policy which is disclosed on the left]