



Joseph Williams Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

A letter was sent home with students in May informing them of the decision to require all Williams's students to wear uniforms during the 2018 – 2019 school year. Although transitions in leadership have been made we will honor the vote of the SAC, PTA, teachers, and parents and will proceed with this implementation. We have amended the policy to include any solid color polo shirt. The reasons listed for the implementation of uniforms included:

- Increase school safety and deter negative behaviors.
- Enhancing school pride, unity, and community spirit.
- Direct focus away from fashion.
- Prepare students for life where appropriate professional dress is required.

Acceptable uniform items for boys and girls are listed below. Please use these guidelines when purchasing uniform items for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

- **PLAIN Polo style shirts, long-sleeve or short, in ANY COLOR.**
- **School spirit shirt (Williams Elementary T-shirt).**
- **Khaki or denim shorts and pants. Denim shorts and pants should be free from all holes, embellishments, cuts, or frays.**
- **Girls may wear khaki or denim skirts and skorts.**
- **Belts must be worn for any pants, shorts, skirts not fitted at the waist. Undergarments should not be seen at any time.**

Uniforms are to be worn **EVERYDAY**. Violation of the uniform policy is a violation of the Alachua County Schools Code of Student Conduct.

We will have Williams school spirit T-shirts available for purchase at Meet the Teacher on Friday, August 10th 12:00 – 1:30.

Thank you in advance for your support of our new uniform policy. If you have questions, please contact me or Dr. Beland. If you are unsure if an item is acceptable within the policy please contact the school before purchase.

Sincerely,

Anyana Stokes

Principal