

Pride Academy Charter School Uniform Guidelines 2024-2025

Returning families will note that we have made several changes to the uniform guidelines in order to best support our scholars and families as they work to meet our uniform expectations.

We respectfully request that scholars and families partner with us and strongly commit to meeting the new uniform guidelines that have been developed to support our whole school community.

Where to Purchase Uniforms

**THE PRIDE UNIFORM POLOS AND OTHER
UNIFORM ITEMS ARE SOLD EXCLUSIVELY
THE UNIFORM SHOP@ KIDS PLACE.**

LOCATIONS:

311 FERRY STREET, NEWARK NJ 07105 (NEAR SEABRA FOODS)

126 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07201

**You can also purchase items from The Uniform Shop online
by using the link below.**

<https://kplaceuniformshop.com/>

Where to Purchase Uniforms

*****Pride Families may only purchase Pride uniforms from TWO APPROVED VENDORS.**

- 1. UNIFORM SHOP at KIDS PLACE**
- 2. School Spirit Gear Online Store**

*** School Spirit Gear included "Pride Lions" t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, shorts, etc...**

PRIDE SPIRIT GEAR ONLINE STORE: <https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/pride-lions-spirit-gear>

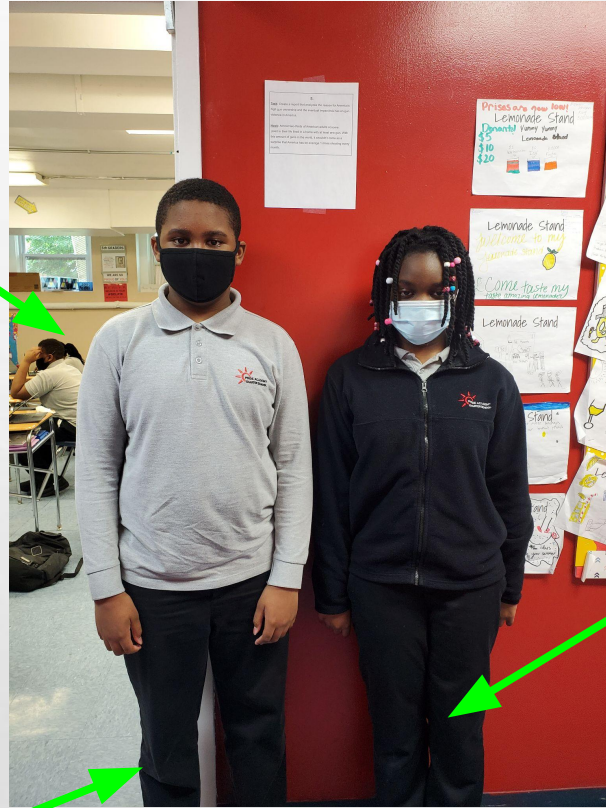
***** Uniforms purchased from an unauthorized provider, will not be allowed to worn at Pride Academy.**

ONLY APPROVED UNIFORM PIECES MAY BE WORN IN SCHOOL

PRIDE Dress Uniform

**Pride Uniform Polo Shirt
from Uniform Shop**

**Black belts are optional,
unless needed to hold up
pants.**



**ANY Black
DRESS Pants**

- *Pants no longer have to be from the Uniform Shop.* - They can be any black dress pants, but they must be DRESS PANTS.
- *NO jeans, jeggings, leggings, overly tight or skinny pants are permitted.*

Solid Black Shoes or Any Color Sneakers

- *Sneakers no longer have to be predominantly black.*
- *NO high heels, slides, Crocs, Uggs, platforms, wedges, or open-backed shoes are permitted.* **Socks of any color may be worn on any day.**

PLEASE NOTE:

No hoop or dangling earrings are permitted due to safety concerns on gym days and during recess time.

Gym Uniform T-Shirt must have a Pride logo and purchased from The Uniform Shop @ Kids Place OR they must be authorized Pride Spirit Gear given as testing prizes and incentives.

Starting in July, families will also be able to purchase Pride Spirit Gear through an online store that will be posted on our website.

PRIDE Gym Uniform



- * ANY SOLID BLACK knee length basketball style shorts.**
- * ANY SOLID BLACK sweatpants or joggers.**
- * They do not need to have the school logo or purchased from the Uniform Shop.**
- * They MUST BE SOLID BLACK No colored logos, stripes or swooshes are allowed on sweatpants or shorts.**

Any color sneakers and any color socks may be worn on gym days.

PRIDE Uniform

Sweaters, Sweatshirts & Fleeces

- Only authorized Pride sweatshirts, sweaters, or fleeces may be worn as part of the Pride uniform.

- **NO HOODIES OF ANY KIND MAY BE WORN IN SCHOOL.**

This includes Pride hoodies that were sold prior to 2022, when Pride Academy stopped selling hoodies.



Pride uniform polo or t-shirts must be worn under the Pride sweaters, sweatshirts, and fleeces.

PRIDE ACADEMY UNIFORM SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS & FLEECES

- Families are strongly encouraged to ensure that their children always have a Pride uniform sweater, sweatshirts, and fleeces **even during warm weather months**, because our rooms are air conditioned, which may feel cold to some scholars.
- Scholars are responsible for keeping their uniform items with them at all times and not losing them.
- **FAMILIES SHOULD LABEL ALL PRIDE UNIFORM ITEMS SO THEY CAN BE EASILY IDENTIFIED IF THEY ARE LOST OR MISPLACED.**



Accessories

- Rings and hoop earrings are not permitted.
- Earrings must be no bigger than one inch.
- Some jewelry including bracelets, watches and necklaces may be worn, but scholars should be mindful of their care and safety.
- Scholars may be asked to remove jewelry if the jewelry is noisy, distracting or poses a safety hazard during gym, recess, or class.
- No visible tattoos



Hair & Headwear

Middle-school aged children are incredibly concerned about their appearance and how they are perceived by their peers, which often impacts their ability to focus on their learning. Their hair is a big part of that.

We respectfully ask parents to support their children by helping them be properly groomed and ready for a professional, academic setting.

- Cultural headwraps and kufis may be worn.
- No oversized hair ornaments (eg: flowers, bows, etc)
- No bonnets, scarves, bandanas, hairnets, durags, hats, caps, or similar attire is permitted with the uniform.



Dress Code for Dress Down Days



- Scholars may not wear clothing with offensive language or images.
- No skirts or dresses unless it's part of a professional dress or theme dress down day that a long dress or skirt would be appropriate.
- No mini skirts or mini skorts
- Uniform Skirts/skorts or shorts must be NO MORE than 3 inches above knees
- No dangling earrings or hoop earrings during recess or gym.
- NO ripped or frayed jeans **where the skin is exposed.**
- **Students must wear appropriate undergarments.**
- NO clothing that reveals undergarments or exposes the buttocks, back, cleavage, chest, belly, hips, upper thighs, or abdomen.
- **NO EXTREMELY SKINNY OR TIGHT PANTS or LEGGINGS.**
- No spaghetti strap tops, tank tops, leggings, sandals, flip flops, open-toe shoes, CROCS or heels are allowed.
- No extremely loose sagging jeans may be worn.