

EDEN UNIFORM POLICY - Highlights

Students, staff and parents have had an opportunity to complete surveys addressing Eden's uniform policy. We have collated through over 700 replies and have met with School Council, Student Council, Program Leaders, Student Voice Leaders and Staff to revise the policy.

Below you will find the policy highlights. The full policy is posted on Eden.dsbn.org. This policy goes into effect March 25, 2019.

Staff, students and families are expected to acquaint themselves with the uniform policy. Students who continually challenge the uniform policy will meet with parents and administration to resolve the problem.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The spirit of the uniform policy remains the same
- Negative, punitive and repetitive language has been removed
- Kilt and walking short length has changed from "no shorter than 7 cm above the knee" to "no shorter than 14 cm above the knee". This length coincides, mostly, with the length of a student's finger-tips when shoulders are relaxed and arms are hanging down the sides of the body.
- Starting in Fall 2019, only grey walking shorts, with an Eden logo, will be accepted for grade 9 students. Students in grades 10-12 can wear uniform navy shorts or purchase grey shorts. By the fall of 2022 navy shorts will no longer be a part of the uniform
- Crewneck sweatshirts are now a part of the uniform
- Shoes are to be black or mostly black (one small accent colour will be permitted)
- Socks: solid navy, black, white or grey socks must be worn with pants, shorts, or kilts
- Socks can be ankle, calf or knee height
- The phys ed department is currently reviewing options for phys ed uniform

Major changes have been highlighted for your convenience.

Photos of uniform items and pricing chart is available on the Maddalena website which can be found on Eden's website at eden.dsbm.org

By choosing Eden High School, students and their parents have made a serious commitment to education at a uniformed school. The uniform is a reflection of who we are, how we see ourselves, and how others see our school. The Eden uniform is to be worn well and consistently. This policy has been established and reviewed by a committee consisting of students, parents and staff after a long and thorough process of consultation. Uniforms are mandatory for students every day, for the entire school day and anywhere on school property. Maddalena Uniforms is the proud supplier of the Eden High School uniform.

Eden chooses to be a uniform school because it

- helps to establish a distinctive environment that focuses on learning and personal development
- diminishes the role of fashion in articulating a student's worth or importance

10 Important notes about uniforms:

1. Students must be in proper school uniform throughout the entire school day - upon arrival to school and until dismissal – including lunch and spares and exam periods, and whenever you are on school property or at school sanctioned events.
2. Students who are out-of-uniform will not be admitted to class and will remain in the office until proper uniform items are obtained from home or office loaners, or students may be sent home to retrieve uniform.
3. Every three years this Uniform Policy is revisited by a committee of staff, students and parents. The next revision will be completed by April 2022.
4. Clothing to be worn during a co-op placement is at the discretion of the co-op employer and the co-op teacher.
5. Students who play on school teams or are part of recognized clubs may not wear jerseys etc. on game days; however, they may wear uniform tops or club shirts (ie. Link Crew, Student Council) with regular uniform pants, shorts or kilts on scheduled Spirit Wear Days. Wearing these clothing items at any other time will be considered a uniform infraction and students will be asked to change prior to being admitted.

*Special permission for students to wear team/club shirts may be granted with the permission of staff advisor and administration.

6. Jewellery must be neat, respectable, inoffensive and non-distracting. Jewellery (including spiked bracelets and necklaces, earrings, chains and expanders) that is considered to be a safety hazard or inappropriate, is not permitted.

7. Students on field trips must wear their uniform “or better” (as designated by the teacher in charge of the field trip). Better than uniform means Business or Dress attire. Some field trips require athletic and/or outdoor clothing.

8. Students who arrive at school without a uniform piece may borrow that piece from the office before going to class. **Students who continually challenge the uniform policy will meet with parents and administration to resolve the problem.**

9. The administration’s decision is final regarding the interpretation of all uniform regulations. From time to time students, due to health reasons, may need temporary exemptions from part of the school uniform and in this case should see an administrator.

10. The school uniform store is open throughout the school year on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Uniforms can also be purchased through Maddalena’s store at 22 Geneva Street, or through their website <https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com>.

CASUAL DRESS POLICY: (Out of Uniform Days)

On Out of Uniform Days approved by Administration, clothing worn by students must be appropriate to the unique culture of Eden. Apparel should be appropriate to the learning environment.

- no hats or full head bandanas are to be worn
- all clothing must be clean and in good repair
- clothing that is over-sized or immodestly undersized is not allowed (ie: no bare midriffs, low cut tops, halters, spaghetti strap and tank tops, skirts/skorts and shorts no shorter than 14 cm above the knee etc.)
- clothing items that contain offensive language, messages or graphics are inappropriate and shall not be worn (i.e. drug/alcohol endorsements, offensive logos, sexual connotations, racial, sexual or gang related, etc.)

SPIRITWEAR DAYS

Spirit wear days are scheduled on the calendar or as designated by Administration.

- spirit wear is defined as a top/T-shirt/sweatshirt on which the school name (Eden) is printed which qualifies it as spirit wear. It could be from a club or team.
- spirit wear must comply with the dress code.
- Eden sleeveless sports shirts must be worn with a plain t-shirt underneath.
- Eden regulation pants/shorts/kilts/shoes must be worn.

UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items must be purchased from the Eden uniform store / Maddalena's.

Shirts: White oxford (long or short sleeve)

- long sleeve items may not be worn under short sleeve shirts
- only the top button may be undone
- may be worn untucked

Polo:

- may be worn untucked

Pants:

- grey, flat front pants, female and male styles
- must be properly hemmed

Shorts:

New Fall 2019: Grey walking shorts with Eden logo for students entering grade 9 (and new to the school in other grades)

Students in grades 10-12 *may* still wear former blue uniform shorts until June 2022.

- must be properly hemmed and not rolled
- length should be no more than 14 cm above the knee.

Kilts:

- may not be rolled up
- must be properly hemmed and to be worn no more than 14 cm above the knee
- spandex shorts, worn under kilts, are suggested

Hoodies and Cardigans and Crewnecks:

- must be worn as purchased and may not be altered.
- students are not permitted to wear the "hood" during school hours

Physical Education Uniform:

- students taking Physical Education are to purchase Eden t-shirts and Eden shorts.
- new options will be available for T-shirts and shorts Fall 2019.
- students must wear non-scuff athletic shoes in the gymnasium.

Other Uniform item details

The items listed below, with the exception of some socks and tights, are not offered through Maddalena's.

Belts:

- belt, if worn must be plain, solid black or brown.

Footwear:

- shoes must be SOLID BLACK or mostly black with a closed heel and toe and below the ankle; few other colours may be visible anywhere on the shoe including laces; students are not permitted to wear boots, sandals, Crocs or soft soled slippers. *If you are uncertain whether the style of your child's shoes meets our policy, we recommend contacting Administration before purchasing or wearing the shoes to school to avoid disappointment.*

Socks:

- must be worn at all times and with all items
- Full (with feet), navy, plain, solid, opaque or skin coloured tights/leotard (in colder weather) may be worn with the kilt
- solid navy, black, white or grey socks must be worn with pants, shorts, or kilts
- socks can be ankle, calf or knee height

Undershirts:

- must be **plain**, solid white and short sleeved – no logos
- undershirts must not show at the waist/hips (i.e., no “layered look”)

Hats and Coats

- hats and coats may not be worn about the school; bandanas and kerchiefs are prohibited.

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