



School Year: 2016-2017

TMA Student Uniform Update

Dear TMA Families,

Every year it is our goal to ensure that our students are abiding by the policies and that parent voices are heard. In an effort to address the concerns you have brought to our attention regarding our school uniform, TMA will be working with a new vendor, RISSE Brothers, to provide all of your uniform services for the 2016-2017 school year. The policy for uniforms will be the same with some minor adjustments, but purchase options have now changed. The hope with choosing this vendor it will allow you:

- Affordable uniform pricing
- More accessible purchasing options
- More availability of popular options throughout the year
- Stream lining the uniform pant expectations for consistency

Although we will no longer keep and sell uniforms at the school, we believe our partnership with RISSE Brothers will provide families with the necessary flexibility to purchase items in a store, online, and at special events hosted at TMA. Additionally, by partnering with a larger supplier, we hope that families will have access to popular uniform items throughout the school year.

We will need your help in ensuring that your student is in compliance with the TMA uniform policy for the 2016-2017 school year. Please review the policy below:

Policy

Students are required to wear a school uniform each day. Students may continue to wear uniform clothing purchased in previous years, but all new uniform items containing a logo (shirts, sweaters, gym clothes, etc.) must be purchased from RISSE Brothers, we will not have items regularly available for purchase. During cold weather months, students may only wear the Thurgood Marshall Academy uniform sweater or fleece, which also may be purchased through RISSE Brothers. For the complete student uniform policy please refer to the 2016-2017 Student Handbook when it becomes available (relevant experts are below).

Shirts

This year RISSE Brothers will have a long and short sleeve option for polo shirts. Students can select from white or burgundy. Each year there are special shirts that are embroidered for Senior (12th grade) students. Senior polo shirts can be purchased through TMA only. Shirts must be tucked into the uniform pant. Belt and belt loops must be visible.

Uniform Pants

All pants should be tan in color khaki in material. All pants must have belt loops. Pants may be purchased at any store, but must meet the same color and style as the option offered through RISSE Brothers. When purchasing pants be aware of the following guidelines:

- Pants must be tan in color and khaki in material
- **Must** have belt loops (No drawstrings)
- Cannot be skinny pants, joggers or any drawstring and or elastic pant legs, or spandex material (e.g. stretch pants, leggings, jegging, etc.)
- Cannot be denim material, have rivets, or denim look (must resemble slacks)
- Color must be tan (various shades of brown are prohibited)
- Pants must be full length (No shorts, capris, skorts, or any pants expose the ankles; ankles should not be visible)

Skirts

Students will have the option of wearing skirts as long as it meets the following criteria:

- Must be tan in color and khaki in material
- Must be knee length all the way around
- Cannot be cargo, stretch, or spandex in material
- Socks must be solid black or solid white
- Boots **CANNOT** be worn with skirts



Boys Pleated
Front Pants



Girls Midrise
Straight Legged
Pants



Girls Kick Pleat
Skirt

Belts

All students **MUST** wear a belt with their pants. Belts must be solid brown or solid black in color. Belts must be solid in color and should not have any other colors. Belts should have a plain buckle. Belts will be available through RISSE Brother for purchase. Belts must be worn appropriately through the belt loops with shirt tucked in pants. Belt and belt loops must be visible.

Cold Weather Options

As the weather changes the building temperature changes. We recognize that students may get cold and will need additional clothing to remain in compliance with the dress code. Students will continue to have the option of purchasing a TMA fleece or sweater through our new vendor. Students can also elect to wear a long sleeve solid black or solid white shirt underneath the TMA short sleeve polo. The shirt cannot have any writing or print and should be solid in color. Student can also purchase a long sleeved polo for their convenience.

Shoes

All students must wear solid black closed toed shoes. The entire shoe must be black with no other color in the shoes. If students opt to wear tennis shoes/sneakers as the shoe of choice then it must meet the **ALL** black shoe criteria. This includes shoelaces, tongue, sole, and lace holes. If the shoe has markings (such as the Nike check symbol or Jordan Jumpman, etc.), they must also be black.

All-black boots may be worn to school with full-length uniform pants. Pants must be worn properly (**NOT** tucked into boots). Boots may **not** be worn with skirts. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the removal of boot wearing during the 2016-2017 school year.

Purchasing Information

In order to purchase uniforms you will need to purchase through RISSE Brothers. You will be able to purchase uniforms through any of the following options:

- In Store or Phone Orders
 - RISSE Brothers
9700 Martin Luther King Jr Highway Suite B
Lanham, MD 20706
Telephone: 301-220-1985
- Online
 - www.rissebrothers.com
 - You will need to create an account. Uniforms will be shipped to your house. Directions will be forthcoming once the site is ready and our school has been added.
- At TMA (limited to only special days- we will no longer stock uniforms for standard sale at school)
 - RISSE Brothers will travel to TMA to sell uniforms for convenience. Watch the mail for this date. After the date has passed you must utilize the two options above.

Pricing

Item	Style	Color	Sizes	Price
SHORT SLEEVE POLO W/ LOGO	6333	WHITE OR BURGUNDY	YOUTH	\$16.50
			ADULT	\$18.50
			ADULT 2XL - 4XL	\$20.50
LONG SLEEVE POLO W/ LOGO	6233	WHITE OR BURGUNDY	ADULT	\$20.00
			ADULT 2XL - 4XL	\$22.50
SHORT SLEEVE GYM T-SHIRT W/ LOGO (used in gym class only)	29	ASH	YOUTH	\$10.00
			ADULT	\$10.00
LONG SLEEVE V-NECK SWEATER W/ LOGO	6500	BLACK	YOUTH	\$38.00
			ADULT	\$38.00
			ADULT 2XL - 4XL	\$38.00
FULL ZIP FLEECE W/ LOGO	KPF14	BLACK	YOUTH	\$34.00
			ADULT	\$36.00
BOYS PANTS--K-12 PLEATED FRONT PANTS**	CP6540	KHAKI	REGULAR/SLIM	\$16.00
			HUSKY	\$20.00
			MENS/PREP	\$22.00
GIRLS PANTS--K-12 MID RISE PANTS**	CP2548	KHAKI	REGULAR/SLIM	\$16.00
			HALF	\$20.00
			JR.	\$22.00
SKIRT--K-12 KICK PLEAT	2660	KHAKI	REGULAR / SLIM	\$20.00
			6 HALF - 18 HALF	\$22.00
			HALF TEENS	\$24.00
BELT	5575	BLACK	ALL	\$11.50

I hope this information is helpful as you plan for the upcoming school year. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions in reference to the uniform expectations for the 2016-2017 school year.

Sincerely,

Stacey Stewart
Director of Student Affairs