Hawthorne Uniform Policy

The expectation is that Hawthorne students will be dressed in appropriate attire that promotes a positive school learning climate. Families are responsible for dressing and grooming appropriately for educational activities which follow school guidelines. Students will dress in a manner that is not disruptive to the educational environment and is not dangerous to themselves or others.

Students should wear:

- o Bottoms: Must be a solid color and free of holes and rips.
 - i. Shorts/skirts/jumpers must be fingertip-length
 - ii. Tights or leggings may ONLY be worn beneath uniform pants or skirts
 - iii. Tights or leggings MUST be solid colors
 - iv. No jeans
 - v. Belts: Students are required to wear a belt if a belt is necessary to ensure appropriate fit of shorts or pants with loops. Otherwise, students may wear belts as an option on shorts or pants that have loops.
- Tops: All tops must be a solid color. No logos, designs, embroidery, embellishments other than Hawthorne or Warren Township labels.
 - i. Short sleeved or long sleeved shirts with a collar must be worn at all times
 - ii. Sweaters, Sweater Vests, Cardigans permitted
 - iii. Uniform compliant crewneck sweatshirts may be worn at all times
 - iv. Hooded sweatshirts may only be worn in the classroom.

Footwear:

- i. Gym shoes are ideal.
- ii. Toes and heels must be covered. (No flip flops, sandals, high heels, heelys.)

Accessories:

- i. Students will not wear make-up.
- ii. Hairstyles should not be a distraction.
- iii. Hats will not be worn in the building.
- iv. No Rubberbands / Loom jewelry is allowed

The Board of Education believes that how students dress has a positive effect upon student learning and the atmosphere of a school. Research and the experience of school systems that have adopted a school **uniform** policy indicate improvement in achievement, attendance, behavior, and overall school spirit.