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Important Update: School Uniform Policy for the Upcoming Academic Year

Dear Boston Prep Students and Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying your summer break. As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we would like to inform you about an important update to our school uniform policy.

Boston Prep Mission Statement: Boston Prep Charter Public School prepares students to succeed in four-year colleges and embody, in thought and action, lifelong ethical growth.

Starting this fall, we are introducing some changes to our uniform requirements to ensure consistency, comfort, and a sense of unity among our students. Below are the key points of the updated policy:

1. **Official Boston Prep Uniform Components:**
Tops: Black Polo shirts (short/long sleeve)
Bottoms: Khaki pants, khaki skirts, khaki shorts
Shoes: Only Closed-toe shoes or sneakers (NO CROCS, SLIDES etc.)
2. **Physical Education (PE) Uniform: (Permitted on Gym Days ONLY)**
Bottoms: Boston Prep sweatpants only
Footwear: Athletic shoes/sneakers
3. **Purchasing Uniforms:**
Uniforms can be purchased from our approved vendor Metro School Uniforms. ([Link](#))
4. **Dress Code Enforcement:**

The updated uniform policy will be strictly enforced starting the first day of school on August 21, 2024.

Students not in compliance with the uniform policy will be provided with a loaner uniform in exchange for their cell phone device in collateral and parents will be notified.

We believe that a standardized uniform helps foster a focused learning environment and reduces distractions. We appreciate your support and cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to a wonderful school year ahead!

Best regards,
High School Culture Dean of Students

Meet your High School Culture Team

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Non- Negotiable Dress Code Policy (*Important Changes*)

Tops:	Bottoms:	Shoes:
Any official Boston Prep top: ● Black Polo (short/long sleeve) ● Black Quarter Zip Sweatshirt ● Black Zip Up Fleece ● Crew Neck (<i>new SY24</i>) ● Maroon Cardigan ● Sport Jersey determined by coach Students are not permitted to wear hoodies of any kind ⊘ Phoenix Hoodies ⊘ Team Hoodies ⊘ AP/Class Hoodies ⊘ No House Shirts	Khaki Pants, Khaki Skirts, Khaki Shorts ONLY! ● Full length trouser ● Skirts/Shorts must be within an inch of the knee-length and waist height **Students are allowed to wear Boston Prep Branded sweatpants on PE days ONLY!**  	Any type of shoes are permissible except open toe shoes (for safety reasons). The following are NOT allowed: ⊘ Sandals ⊘ Slides/Crocs ⊘ Flip Flops ⊘ Slippers

Note: Any student out of Dress code will be asked to change upon entrance. Students are allowed to have access to two loaner uniforms throughout the school year. In order to be provided with a loaner uniform, cell phones are held in the Dean's office as collateral.

- If a student refuses to change into Dress Code, further disciplinary actions will be pursued.

Non-Negotiable Electronic Policy (*Important Changes*)

Boston Prep does not permit the use of personal electronic devices while on school grounds.

All personal electronics should be turned off and tucked away in student backpacks prior to entering the school campus.

If a student is found to be using any personal electronic device while on school grounds, they will be referred to the Dean's office and must turn in their device. The device will be stored away and returned to the student at the EOD. If this becomes a recurring event, the culture team will follow up with the student, family, and WILL result in disciplinary actions.

Non - Negotiable Technology Policy

Broken Chromebook	Chromebook Replacement	Charger
Damage Fee:\$ 40.00 Example: Cracked Screen Missing keys Broken Keyboard Cracked Cover Liquid Damage Missing Keyboard Cover Camera Damage Etc.	Replacement Fee: \$300.00 Example: Stolen Lost Misplaced Damaged - This includes letting your peers borrowing the Chromebook Note: Once you notice your chromebook is missing please report it to Tech right away!	Replacement Fee: \$20.00 Example: Lost Stolen Misplaced Damaged - This includes letting your peers borrow your Charger and it goes missing

Students found to have purposely damaged a Chromebook will result in disciplinary actions that will range from accountability tier system, ex; In School Suspension, Out of Suspension, depending on the infractions.

Non-Negotiable Lunch Policy	Free Lunch is provided daily to our students here at Boston Prep. Students are to report to the High School Cafeteria at their designated lunch time. Students are NOT permitted to leave the building during this time. This is considered a safety violation and further consequences will be implemented. Parents / Guardians, and or relatives are not permitted to bring outside lunch to a student during the school day. If a student is bringing food from home, it should be with the student when they arrive on campus. There is absolutely no food delivery services allowed!
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The accountability **system** below ensures that the focus remains on maximizing learning.

ALL infractions will be logged in DeansList

BEHAVIOR MATRIX:

Minor behaviors that warrant a DEMERIT

Off Task	•Not meeting Classroom Expectations •Out of Seat •Talking
Tardiness	•Student not seated by the bell
Food/Drink	•Food out during class •Drink other than water bottle
Unprepared for Class	•No Writing Utensil •Missing Class Materials

Consequences Range from Detention - Out of School Suspension One Day or Greater

- Unauthorized leaving/entry of Class
- Tardiness to class (not seated by bell) - Priority Issue
- Phone/Personal electronics (inhibits learning);
- Out of Uniform
- Off Task

Behaviors that warrant an automatic REFERRAL include but are not limited to:

Consequences Range from ICR, In School Suspension - Out of School Suspension Greater Than 3 days

- Vandalism / Destruction of Property / Arseny / False Fire Alarm
- Multiple students occupying bathroom stall (large stall)
- Refusal to leave school when Culture Team asks
- Sexual language (generalized)
- Harassment of students & staff (sexual / non-sexual legal criteria)
- Unprofessional / Aggressive language (Target / Generalized)
- Targeted Threats of violence to staff/students/community member
- Skipping class
(missed more than 10 minutes of class / Out of class without permission and pass) - Priority Issue
- Possession of an unconventional item on school grounds
- Instigation of/during physical altercation (verbal, filming, directly ignoring staff direction)
- Horseplay in halls/class
- Class disruption (after management strategies and impacting whole class)

Consequences Range from Out of School Suspension 5 Days or Greater - Expulsion

- Possession/distribution/ Vaping/Use of Paraphernalia with a controlled substance
- Student arrives to school under the influence of a controlled substance (alcohol, maryjuana etc.)
- Weapon possession / look -a- like weapon -
- Assault on staff
- Committing / Attempting sexual assault
- Physical Altercation (Battery/Assault/Mutual),
- Bullying Confirmed / Act of (legal criteria met) with investigation completed by Deans

We are so grateful to each and every one of you for being on this journey with us this year. We promise to foster a culture of learning and academic achievement while cultivating a joyful and inclusive environment. Together, we can ensure that each and every student is prepared to succeed in college and beyond. As we do, please know that we--with your help, support, and guidance--are focused together on working to an antiracist school where students excel. As such, we work together to foster a sense of belonging, affirm the whole child, hold high expectations, and deliver exceptional instruction. In order to achieve our vision, we continue to believe that relationships coupled with clear systems of accountability are at the center of the important work that we all-- students, family, and faculty-- show up to do every single day.

We are excited for the year ahead!

Best,

HS Culture Team

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