

Placerita Junior High School

“Pride in Excellence”

June 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am looking forward to meeting all of our new students and seeing our returning students when **school begins Thursday, August 13**. You will be receiving by mail the week of July 20, a packet containing important school information. This packet will assist you in preparing for **pre-registration days, August 6 (8th grade) or August 7 (7th grade)**. During pre-registration, students will receive their student ID cards, textbooks and first-day room assignment. Class schedules will not be distributed until the first day of school. Shown below is the pre-registration schedule.

Pre-registration Schedule (student must report to Placerita at the assigned time)

August 6	8:00 – 12:00 Noon	8 th grade I.D. picture, textbook distribution, and school information packet pick-up
August 7	8:00 – 12:00 Noon	7 th grade I.D. picture, textbook distribution, and school information packet pick-up

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Pre-registration Appointment Time</u>
A-F	8:00 – 9:00 AM
G-L	9:00 – 10:00 AM
M-R	10:00 – 11:00 AM
S-Z	11:00 – 12:00 PM

Campus Wardrobe Policy

School uniforms have enhanced the learning environment at Placerita in several ways. Standards of modesty and appropriate school dress are much easier to maintain for parents and the school when clothing items are standardized. A better climate for learning has been created through the campus wardrobe policy as students become less occupied with their dress and more focused on their studies. Increased safety has been realized as unwanted visitors to the campus are easily noticed and dress styles that might create a disruption are eliminated.

Hart District Administrative Regulation 5132.1 makes provision for students eligible for financial assistance to purchase uniform pieces through a school uniform scholarship fund. **Parents interested in financial assistance should contact the principal's office for additional information.** The campus wardrobe policy also states that no student shall be penalized if the student's parent chooses not to have the student comply with the campus wardrobe policy and if the parents have contacted the principal, with their exemption request. Parents interested in exempting their student from the wardrobe policy should schedule a meeting with the principal prior to the start of school.

Please read the attached campus wardrobe information sheet carefully. We have revised and updated the policy to provide more options for parents to fulfill our wardrobe requirements.

Enclosed with this letter is a suggested list of stores where campus wardrobe pieces may be purchased. Campus wardrobe pieces may be purchased at any store provided they meet the standards of the wardrobe policy. Uniformland is a preferred vendor offering a full line of wardrobe pieces. **Our annual used uniform sale offering many uniform pieces for just a few dollars will be held on pre-registration day, August 6 and August 7, 8:00 – 12:00 Noon.**

I look forward to meeting our new 7th grade students and greeting our returning 8th grade students during pre-registration.

Sincerely,

Michael Kuhlman, Principal

Enclosure

Placerita JHS Campus Wardrobe Information

Colors

Clothing must be solid in color – free of all writing and or graphics except for the official school logo. Official Wardrobe Colors are as follows:

Shirts	
Pants	
Shorts	
Skirts	
Sweat	
Shirts	
Jackets	

Tops

All tops must be no longer than the length of the hand extended against the side of the leg. All tops must completely cover the mid-section. No plunging necklines or tank-tops are permitted.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts

“Docker” style pants/shorts are suggested. Jeans are permitted, as long as they are within the color guidelines, not excessively baggy, faded, or worn. Jeans with holes are not permitted. Sweat pants are not permitted. Pants with large pockets are not permitted. Pants must be worn at the waist and shorts and skirts must be an appropriately modest length, which is fingertip length when arms are extended at the side.

Suggested Stores for Campus Wardrobe Pieces

Uniformland (661) 255-2033
23300 Cinema Dr. #108

Workwear Express (661) 799-3459
23218 Lyons Avenue

School Days (Mail Order) Toll Free (888) 999-4399
Website: www.school-days.com

IBILEY (Mail Order) Toll Free (877) 410-8796
Website: www.ibiley.com

Sears
Santa Clarita

JC Penney
Santa Clarita

Wal Mart
Stevenson Ranch

Kohl's
Santa Clarita

OR

Any other clothing store that sells clothing that meets the Campus Wardrobe requirements.

Wardrobe Policy

Placerita utilizes a wardrobe policy because standardized dress among students enhances the learning environment at our school. The policy minimizes differences among students of different socio-economic backgrounds and helps children develop the healthy perspective that *who they are* is more important than *what they look like*. Our wardrobe policy deemphasizes the fixation on outward appearance and helps us cultivate character development and academic achievement.

Placerita's wardrobe policy also enhances campus security. Unwanted visitors are obvious to campus security and as a result, our campus supervisors and administrators are assisted in their efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment for all students.

Placerita's wardrobe policy supports parents and school officials in their effort to maintain modesty and appropriate dress among all students. Support of the wardrobe policy reinforces the healthy message that children must respect rules & authority both at school and at home.

Parents who elect to have their son/daughter exempted from this policy must contact the Principal by telephone. No student shall be penalized academically or otherwise discriminated against or denied attendance to school if the students' parents choose not to have the student comply with the wardrobe policy. However, the school strongly encourages parents to support school policies that are established to enhance the environment on campus. Opting children out of the policy erodes its effectiveness and undermines those school officials responsible for maintaining a safe and productive campus environment. Ultimately the wardrobe policy requires full participation to be effective.

Wardrobe Guidelines

Placerita's official wardrobe consists of pants, shorts, skirts, T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts and jackets. The official wardrobe policy is summarized as follows:

1) Clothing will be NEAT, SAFE and MODEST

- Pants must be worn at the waist and may not be excessively baggy.
- Shorts and skirts must be an appropriately modest length –fingertip length when arms are extended at the side.
- Oversized shirts are not permitted – no larger than fingertip length when arms are extended at the side.
- No Tank-tops or low-cut tops are permitted.
- No backless shoes are permitted.
- No hats, beanies, bandanas or sunglasses are permitted.

2) Clothing will be SOLID IN COLOR / free from writing or graphics

- Official school wardrobe colors are: white, gray, yellow, khaki, green, blue, brown and black.
- Official Placerita school logos are acceptable.
- Jeans are permitted, as long as they are within the color guidelines, not excessively baggy, faded, or worn. Jeans with holes are not permitted.

Students who fail to comply with this policy will be required to call home and have appropriate attire brought to school or they may be required to change in a loaner / their PE uniform.

Wardrobe Availability

Approved campus apparel is available for purchase from Uniformland at 2300 Cinema Drive in Valencia; however, campus apparel may be purchased elsewhere (Target, Kohls etc.) Parents who wish financial assistance in complying with the wardrobe policy may do so by contacting the Principal's office.