

(Translation)

**RULE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
ON UNIFORMS FOR STUDENTS,  
B.E. 2551 (2008)**

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By virtue of the provisions of section 5 and section 6 of the Uniforms for Students Act, B.E. 2551 (2008), the Minister of Education hereby issues the Rule as follows:

**Clause 1.** This Rule is called the “Rule of the Ministry of Education on Uniforms for Students, B.E. 2551 (2008)”.

**Clause 2.**<sup>1</sup> This Rule shall come into force on the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Clause 3.** The following shall be repealed:

(1) the Rule of the Ministry of Education on Uniforms for Pupils and Students, B.E. 2527 (1984);

(2) the Rule of the Ministry of Education on Uniforms for Pupils and Students (No. 2), B.E. 2540 (1997);

(3) the Rule of the Ministry of Education on Uniforms for Pupils and Students (No. 3), B.E. 2542 (1999);

(4) the Rule of the Ministry of Education on Uniforms for Pupils and Students (No. 4), B.E. 2546 (2003).

All other rules, regulations and orders insofar as they deal with matters already governed by this Rule or are contrary to or inconsistent with this Rule shall be replaced by this Rule.

**Clause 4.** This Rule shall apply to students pursuing a study in educational institutions which provide basic education and educational institutions which provide higher

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education at a level lower than a degree-granting level under the law on national education unless such educational institutions have specific law prescribing the dressing.

**Clause 5.** Uniforms for students may be classified in accordance with levels and types of education, as follows:

- (1) uniforms for students pursuing pre-primary education;
- (2) uniforms for students pursuing primary education;
- (3) uniforms for students pursuing junior secondary education;
- (4) uniforms for students pursuing non-vocational senior secondary education;
- (5) uniforms for students pursuing vocational senior secondary education and higher education at a level lower than a degree-granting level;
- (6) uniforms for students of private educational institutions providing Islamic studies;
- (7) uniforms for Muslim students of educational institutions other than private educational institutions providing Islamic studies.

**Clause 6.** Uniforms for students pursuing pre-primary education are as follows:

Male Students:

- (1) Shirt: white in colour, shirt-collar style or round-shaped collar style, with short sleeves;
- (2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the shirt, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;
- (3) Pants: black, blue, navy blue or red shorts;
- (4) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels and toe-ends, with shoelaces or straps on the feet;
- (5) Socks: short white socks.

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Female Students:

(1) Blouse: white in colour, shirt-collar style or round-shaped collar style, with short sleeves;

(2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the blouse, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;

(3) Skirt: black, blue, navy blue or red in colour, with wrinkled pleats around it or pleats of the knee-end length, or pleats folded around the waist or three pleats folded on the front and the rear sides, and with the edge of the skirt covering the knees when it is worn;

(4) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels and toe-ends, with shoelaces or straps on the feet;

(5) Socks: short white socks.

**Clause 7.** Uniforms for students pursuing primary education are as follows:

Male Students:

(1) Shirt: white in colour, shirt-collar style, polo-shirt style or round-shaped collar style, with short sleeves;

(2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the shirt, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;

(3) Pants: black, blue, navy blue or khaki shorts in a polite style;

(4) Belt: a black or brown leather-belt, with a metal rectangular-shaped buckle of the pinning type, provided that a student scout may use a scout belt instead;

(5) Shoes: black or brown leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels, with shoelaces;

(6) Socks: short white or brown socks.

Female Students:

(1) Blouse: white in colour, shirt-collar style, peter pan collar style, or sailor-collar style with a triangle-shaped black or navy blue neckerchief tied in a sailor's knot, with short sleeves;

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(2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the blouse, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;

(3) Skirt: black or navy blue in colour, with wrinkled pleats around it or pleats folded around the waist or three pleats folded on the front and the rear sides, and with the edge of the skirt covering the knees when it is worn;

(4) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels and toe-ends, with straps on the feet;

(5) Socks: short white socks.

**Clause 8.** Uniforms for students pursuing junior secondary education are as follows:

Male Students:

(1) Shirt: white in colour, shirt-collar style, with short sleeves;

(2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the shirt, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;

(3) Pants: black, blue, navy blue or khaki shorts in a polite style;

(4) Belt: a black or brown leather-belt, with a metal rectangular-shaped buckle of the pinning type, provided that a student scout may use a scout belt instead;

(5) Shoes: black or brown leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels, with shoelaces;

(6) Socks: short white or brown socks.

Female Students:

(1) Blouse: white in colour, sailor-collar style with a triangle-shaped black or navy blue neckerchief tied in a sailor's knot, with short sleeves;

(2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the blouse, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;

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(3) Blouse: black or navy blue in colour, in a polite style, with three pleats folded on the front and the rear sides, and with the edge of the blouse covering the knees when it is worn;

(4) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels and toe-ends, with straps on the feet;

(5) Socks: short white socks.

**Clause 9.** Uniforms for students pursuing non-vocational senior secondary education are as follows:

Male Students:

(1) Shirt: white in colour, shirt-collar style, with short sleeves;

(2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the shirt, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;

(3) Pants: black, blue, navy blue or khaki shorts in a polite style;

(4) Belt: a black or brown leather-belt, with a metal rectangular-shaped buckle of the pinning type;

(5) Shoes: black or brown leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels, with shoelaces;

(6) Socks: short white or brown socks.

Female Students:

(1) Blouse: white in colour, shirt-collar style, with short sleeves;

(2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the blouse, in blue colour for a State-owned educational institution and in red colour for a private educational institution;

(3) Skirt: black or navy blue in colour, in a polite style, with three pleats folded on the front and the rear sides, and with the edge of the skirt covering the knees when it is worn;

(4) Belt: a black leather-belt or cloth-belt, with a rectangular-shaped buckle of the pinning type covered with leather or cloth of the same colour as that of the belt;

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(5) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels and toe-ends, with straps on the feet;

(6) Socks: short white socks.

**Clause 10.** Uniforms for students pursuing vocational senior secondary education and higher education at a level lower than a degree-granting level are as follows:

Male Students:

(1) Shirt: white in colour, shirt-collar style with a necktie, with short or long sleeves;

(2) Mark: an emblem badge of the educational institution pinned at the right corner of the chest area on the shirt;

(3) Pants: black or navy blue trousers in a polite style;

(4) Belt: a black leather-belt, with a metal buckle displaying the emblem of the educational institution;

(5) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels, with shoelaces;

(6) Socks: short black socks.

Female Students:

(1) Blouse: white in colour, shirt-collar style, with short or long sleeves;

(2) Mark: an emblem badge of the educational institution pinned at the right corner of the chest area on the blouse;

(3) Skirt: black or navy blue in colour, in a polite style, with the edge of the skirt covering the knees when it is worn;

(4) Belt: a black leather-belt, with a metal buckle displaying the emblem of the educational institution;

(5) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels and toe-ends, with the shoe-heel not exceeding 2 inches in height.

**Clause 11.** Uniforms for students of private educational institutions providing Islamic studies are as follows:

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Male Students:

- (1) Shirt: white in colour, shirt-collar style, with short or long sleeves;
- (2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with red thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the shirt;
- (3) Cap: a white cap (*Kofiyah*) or a black cap (*Songkok*) on appropriate occasions;
- (4) Pants: black, blue or navy blue trousers in a polite style;
- (5) Belt: a black leather-belt, with a metal buckle of the pinning type or with a buckle displaying the emblem of the educational institution;
- (6) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels;
- (7) Socks: short black socks.

Female Students:

- (1) Blouse: plain-coloured, patternless, round-necked and collarless *Kurung* blouse;
- (2) Mark: the abbreviation of the educational institution's name sewn, with red thread or silk, at the right corner of the chest area on the blouse and at the headscarf;
- (3) Headscarf: plain-coloured patternless cloth tailored into a bag or otherwise tailored so as to cover the entire head except the face, with the edge of the headscarf covering the shoulder;
- (4) Skirt or Sarong:
 

Skirt: plain-coloured and patternless A-line skirt, with or without pleats or tucks, with the edge of the skirt covering the ankle when it is worn;

Sarong: being of the same descriptions as sarongs in general, being a plain-coloured and patternless cloth of a reasonable width, not being a side slit or close-fitting one, with the edge of the sarong covering the ankle when it is worn;
- (5) Shoes: white leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels and toe-ends;
- (6) Socks: short white socks.

**Clause 12.** Uniforms for Muslim students of educational institutions other than private educational institutions providing Islamic studies are as follows:

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## Male Students:

- (1) Shirt: white in colour, shirt-collar style, with short sleeves;
- (2) Mark: the educational institution's abbreviation, symbol or emblem badge, as it may determine, sewn or pinned at the right corner of the chest area on the shirt;
- (3) Pants: trousers of the same colour as that of general students' pants used at such educational institution, with the length reaching the ankle bone and with the edge of the legs being inwardly folded;
- (4) Belt: a black or brown leather-belt, with a metal rectangular-shaped buckle of the pinning type, provided that a student scout may use a scout belt instead, or with a buckle displaying the emblem of the educational institution;
- (5) Shoes: black or brown leather-shoes or sneakers, covering heels, with shoelaces;
- (6) Socks: short white, brown or black socks.

## Female Students:

- (1) Blouse: white in colour, peter pan collar style, being a front slit blouse, with long sleeves, wrinkled pleats at the cuff and a placket not exceeding 5 centimetre in width, being of such length as to cover the hip, and not being a close-fitting blouse;
- (2) Mark: the educational institution's abbreviation, symbol or emblem badge, as it may determine, sewn or pinned at the right corner of the chest area on the blouse and at the headscarf;
- (3) Headscarf: patternless cloth of white colour or of the same colour as that of the skirt, square shaped, 100-120 centimetres in length on each side, and sewn from its part beneath the chin up to its the edge when it is worn;
- (4) Skirt: a skirt of the same colour as that of general students' skirts used at such educational institution, in a polite style, with three pleats folded on the front and the rear sides, and with the edge of the skirt covering the knees when it is worn;
- (5) Shoes: black leather-shoes or sneakers, with straps on the feet or in a style covering heels and toe-ends, with the shoe-heel not exceeding 2 inches in height and with no pattern;
- (6) Socks: short white socks with no pattern and with unfolded edges.

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Muslim students of educational institutions other than private educational institutions providing Islamic studies may voluntarily elect to wear the uniforms under paragraph one or the uniforms determined by the educational institutions.

**Clause 13.** An educational institution, with the approval of its committee, shall prescribe details as to the wearing of and procedures as well as conditions for wearing uniforms, as follows:

(1) types of forms of uniforms, provided that it shall also prepare samples of the uniforms under this Rule;

(2) marks of the educational institution.

In determining the details under paragraph one, the educational institution shall seek approval from the superior of an immediate higher rank or from the person exercising supervision of such educational institution, as the case may be, and publish them in the interest of knowledge thereof amongst students and guardians.

**Clause 14.** Any educational institution which intends to use a uniform other than those prescribed in this Rule shall apply for permission by the superior of an immediate higher rank or from the person exercising supervision of such educational institution, as the case may be.

**Clause 15.** An educational institution may require students to wear uniforms for boy scouts, girl scouts, Red Cross Youth members or Thai Reserve Officer Training Corps Students or folk dresses, Thai costumes, private dresses, internship dresses, sport dresses, dramatic dresses or other dresses in lieu of the uniforms for students under this Rule on any particular day as determined by the educational institution, having regard to cost effectiveness and suitability.

**Clause 16.** In the case of necessity or exceptional circumstances, an educational institution may exempt or relax the requirements as to the wearing of uniforms for students, as is appropriate.

**Clause 17.** Students pursuing education in an educational institution providing non-formal education and informal education shall wear polite dresses.

**Clause 18.** In the case where any student fails to wear a uniform for students without being granted exemption under this Rule, the educational institution shall consider

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disciplinary penalty in accordance with the Rule of the Ministry of Education on Penalisation of Pupils and Students, as is appropriate.

**Clause 19.** Any educational institution which has used uniforms for students under the existing Rule or used other uniforms with permission from the Ministry of Education prior to the date on which this Rule comes into force may continue the use thereof.

**Clause 20.** The Permanent Secretary for Education shall have charge and control of the execution of this Rule and shall have the power to interpret, and decide questions in connection with the execution of, this Rule.

Given on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of October B.E. 2551 (2008).

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