

磐田地区制服選定委員会だより

IWATA DISTRICT UNIFORM SELECTION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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From October 25 to November 7, a web-based awareness survey regarding the new school uniform was conducted, followed by an opinion exchange meeting with students from nine junior high schools in the city from November 18 to December 10. In response to these activities, a uniform selection committee was held on December 18.

MANY AGREE ON "PLAIN/SOLID COLOR" AND "NAVY BLAZERS."

According to the results of the "New Uniform Awareness Survey," approximately 70-80% of elementary and middle school students, over 60% of parents, and 80% of teachers responded that "matching solid colors" or "solid colors in different hues" are desirable for the new uniforms. The reasons given were that they are "simple, calm, and suitable for school uniforms" and that "solid colors are not influenced by body type, preferences, or trends, making them fundamentally suitable for everyone." Regarding the color of blazers, all groups—students, parents, and teachers—identified "navy" as the most appropriate choice. Notably, more than 70% of parents and teachers, drawing from their extensive professional experience, support "navy."

SEVEN OUT OF NINE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS HAVE 'PLAIN UPPER AND LOWER GARMENTS' AS THEIR FIRST CHOICE.

During the "discussion exchange meeting," the representative students approached the event with keen interest and enthusiasm. There were careful examinations of the combinations of colors, as well as comparisons and considerations between patterns and solids.



Explanation of the purpose by the chairman↑↑

Trying out many uniform

Seven out of nine schools expressed a desire to make "Plain top and bottom" their first choice.



The school's impression can be transformed with uniforms, so it is important to think about this responsibly.

It's interesting to realize that even the uniforms we wear casually today were carefully considered by many people after a long period of thought.

I was able to try on and discuss various opinions while imagining different scenarios. It was a valuable opportunity for thorough consideration.

SELECT THREE CANDIDATES FOR 'UNPATTERNED'.

At the "4th Uniform Selection Committee," after a report from the secretariat and the chair, we decided on the samples for voting by reviewing the combinations that were proposed from the awareness survey and discussion sessions, along with other samples.

The deep blue, which has garnered strong support in surveys and discussion forums, cannot be overlooked.



The skirt and slacks should be made from the same fabric.

When you see the real thing, it feels attractive.



While a bright-colored jacket is good for safety, it significantly changes the context of the situation thus far.

3 SELECTED SAMPLES

**DARK BLUE
and
GRAY**



**DARK BLUE
and
CHARCOAL GRAY**



**DARK GREEN
and
CHARCOAL GRAY**



[NAVY JACKET]

- Suitable for anyone, allowing for confident wear.
- Provides a sense of reliability with its subdued color.
- Available in a wide range of fabrics, including polyester and blends of wool and polyester, as it is adopted by many schools. The pricing is also varied, allowing for overall cost reduction.

[DARK GREEN JACKET]

- ◆ It is inspired by the tea specialty of Iwata City.
- ◆ It possesses both novelty and rarity.
- ◆ Due to its unique characteristics, production will be limited, resulting in a restricted fabric supply; hence, it is expected to be priced higher compared to "Dark Blue."



GRAY SLACKS/SKIRT

- ◆ Gives a simple and calm impression.
- ◆ Conveys a sense of brightness and freshness.
- ◆ The fabric used includes polyester, and blends of wool and polyester.

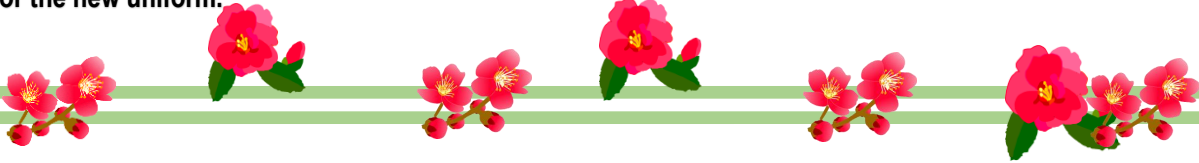
CHARCOAL (DARK GRAY) SLACKS/SKIRT:

- ◆ Combines calmness and elegance.
- ◆ Conveys a sense of warmth.
- ◆ Fabrics used include polyester, and blends of wool and polyester.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

From the end of January to the end of February, exhibitions will be held for one week each at various junior high schools and community centers. Voting will be conducted by elementary and junior high school students, parents of students from grades 4 to 9, and junior high school teachers.

In March, based on the voting results, the Uniform Selection Committee will prepare the specifications for the new uniform.



WE WILL RESPOND TO THE OPINIONS SUBMITTED TO THE IWATA DISTRICT UNIFORM SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Q: Is there a need to change the uniform? How about allowing the current uniform to be worn as well as switching to a new one?

A: The "Iwata District Uniform Selection Committee" is tasked with creating specifications for a new uniform based on the report from the "Iwata District Uniform Policy Review Committee," which has spent the past year considering the state of uniforms.

It is up to each middle school to decide whether to implement the new uniform based on the specifications established by the Iwata District Uniform Selection Committee. Additionally, if a new uniform is introduced, each school will determine how to manage the wearing of the current uniform.

We hope that sufficient discussions involving teachers, students, and parents will take place at each middle school regarding the appropriateness of introducing a new uniform and the policy for wearing both the new and current uniforms.

❖ For information about the introduction of the new uniform, please refer to the "Report on the Uniform Policy Review" published on the websites of each school in the Iwata District School Principals' Association.

Q: Why are we seeking opinions from current students who will not be wearing the new uniform? Shouldn't we consider the views of the students who will be affected?

A: The Iwata District Uniform Selection Committee is gathering a wide range of opinions from middle school students, elementary school students who will be wearing the new uniform, parents, and teaching staff. These insights are being utilized as references in the selection of the new uniform. It is beneficial to consider the opinions of middle school students who are familiar with the strengths and challenges of the current uniform.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in the selection of the new uniform for public middle schools in the Iwata District.

