Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

The Flinn Staff would like to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. As you know Flinn Middle School has a uniform policy. The uniform policy has been in place for many years at Flinn and most RPS 205 middle schools. Our goal at Flinn Middle School is to increase unity and equity among all students. We believe that a simplified uniform policy will help us achieve that goal. The policy will be as follows:

- Bottoms must be tan, black or navy blue. No jeans or sweat pants, joggers, etc. of any color are allowed.
- Tops must be navy blue, white or black polos. No button down tops allowed.
- Flinn Spirit wear is allowed any day. No PE uniforms allowed outside of PE.
- Hoodies may be worn if they are Flinn hoodies or navy blue, white or black. No other hoodies will be allowed. The hood must be worn down in the building.
- No coats or jackets allowed, however, teachers may allow for sweaters for cold classrooms.
Throwing objects at the bus driver
Use/possession of a weapon
Use of a legitimate tool as a weapon

Students are warned that loss of bus
riding privileges means that parents must
provide transportation to and from school
during the suspension. This may be a
severe hardship in the family and could
cause a student to miss school. Behaving
on the school bus is important!

Student Behavior
Students are expected to follow the
SOAR philosophy during the school day,
at any school-sponsored activities, and
on the school bus. The SOAR
philosophy is a program to encourage
positive behavior by all students. SOAR
stands for:
S- safe
O- organized and prepared to learn
A- act responsibly
R- respect others

Students will learn about SOAR during
the school year.

Unacceptable Items at
School
The following is a partial list of items
deemed inappropriate for school:
- Valuables (including large sums
  of money and expensive jewelry)
- Roller Blades
- Sunglasses
- Walkman/MP3/IPods
- Chains
- Radios
- Laser Pointers
- Pepper Spray
- Mace
- Toys
- Dice
- Any items deemed inappropriate
  by the FMS Administrative
  Team.

All unacceptable items at school will be
confiscated. Items that are stolen
are not the responsibility of Flinn
Middle School.

Rockford Public
Schools Discipline
Code
The Rockford Public Schools
Discipline Code (booklet) defines a
variety of behaviors deemed
unacceptable by District 205 for all
students.

Note: The booklet is available in the
main office of any Rockford Public
School building. This booklet also
provides guidelines for administrative
and classroom interventions regarding
rule violations. The booklet also
contains guidelines for behavior on or
around our school buses.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN
A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES AND
ARE RESPONSIBLE FORknowing
AND FOLLOWING THEM.

Note: This handbook may be amended
during the school year without notice.
Changes in any procedures or rules will
be communicated as soon as practical,
likely through the monthly newsletter.

FLINN MIDDLE SCHOOL
UNIFORM POLICY

SHIRT: Navy, Gray or White polo
- A polo is a plain shirt with a
collar and 2-3 buttons on a tab
near the neck.
- The polo may be long or short
sleeved, but not sleeveless.
- Undershirts or camisoles worn
under polos can be of any color,
• If the undershirt is longer than the polo, it must be tucked in.
• No button down shirts.
• Shirts are required to be tucked in only if the bottom of the shirt is below fingertip length.
• No logos allowed on shirts.

**BOTTOMS:** Pants in Tan, Navy or Black
• Pants must be worn at the waist.
• No jeans, jeggings, stretch knit jean cut leggings of any color, pajama pants or athletic pants.
• Shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Leggings worn underneath any of these items must be navy, white, or tan. Any dress other than a jumper is not acceptable.
• Capris are acceptable.

**SWEATERS OR SWEATSHIRTS:** Navy, White, Tan or Black
• Solid navy, white, tan or black cardigan, crew-neck, and v-neck sweaters or sweatshirts are permitted. Flannel sweatshirts are acceptable.
• No logos on sweaters.
• A uniform polo shirt must be worn underneath such items.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED:**
1. House slippers, flip-flops, and Heely’s (shoes with wheels), open toed shoes / sandals.
2. Rubber bands and other materials that may alter the appearance of the uniform.
3. Coats, jackets, gloves, and headgear (including bandanas) of any kind are to be stored in lockers during the school day.

4. Pajamas or clothing that has the appearance of pajamas.
5. Hats, sunglasses, chains longer than 6 inches attached to a wallet, and spiked or studded wrist bands/collars.
6. No gym uniforms worn outside of gym class.
7. No bags / backpacks in the classroom.

**UNIFORM VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES**
1st Offense – Student will be issued a minor referral. Student must carry a duplicate copy of referral throughout the day. If the student cannot produce the referral, minor referrals may be written by subsequent teachers.

2nd and 3rd Offenses – Student will be issued a minor referral. The student must carry a copy of the referral throughout the day. A parent contact will be made.

4th Offense – Student will be issued a major referral and administrative consequences.