



Commander William C.
MCCOOL ACADEMY

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Greetings Future Astronauts and families,

Our primary mission at **Commander William C. McCool Academy** is to provide your child with the best positive, hands-on learning experience in a safe environment. We want to work each day to encourage students to be lifelong learners and to be successful well after they leave McCool Academy. As we began our journey to inform families about McCool Academy, we asked for community input about uniforms in our Informational Meetings. We also gave our McCool students and families, in particular, the opportunity to give input as they filled out their student choice sheets. The results are in and your feedback has led us to a decision of **NO STANDARDIZED DRESS and NO clear backpacks** for our day-to-day school routine. Students are still required to comply with the [Lubbock ISD Student Handbook](#) dress code policy.

We are also excited for all students at McCool Academy to experience and grow in areas we refer to as Student Learner Outcomes (21st-century success skills). These outcomes include Knowledge and Thinking, Collaboration, Written/Oral Communication, and Agency. McCool Academy students will have the opportunity to be involved in presentations and professional community outings as a campus, which will enable them to apply their Student Learner Outcomes. Parents, we need your support and partnership in order to ensure that your child will be prepared, equipped, and dressed in the appropriate McCool blazer attire for all out-of-the-classroom experiences, internships, and other field opportunities that are in accordance with our new school mission and vision. We know our McCool blazer attire will promote a greater sense of school community, pride, and culture. Students and families will be informed of presentation/out-of-school uniform days throughout the school year.

The **presentation/out-of-school** uniform is as follows:

- **BLAZER** - Designated navy blue McCool blazer only.
- **SHIRTS** - Designated white collared polo shirts.
- **BOTTOMS** – Students must wear khaki/charcoal gray pants or skirts.
- **SHOES** - Students may wear their choice of plain, closed-toed shoes. However, they **must** be safe and appropriate to the learning environment and aligned with Lubbock ISD Student Dress Code Policy.

We will provide more detailed information this summer, including clothing specifics and purchasing options. Thank you for your support of our new school and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Wadley
Principal, Commander William C. McCool Academy