

# **Lower School Dress Code Policy 2020-21**

Our dress code is intended to set a tone that reflects school as a place where important work is accomplished. Students are asked to balance personal expression and comfort with respect for creating an appropriate atmosphere for focus on academic success. Dress code will be consistently enforced, and violations may result in consequences that may include not are but limited to: verbal warning, parent communication, and being asked to go home to change.

## **Meets Dress Code:**

- Clothing must be neat, clean, and in good repair.
- Clothing should not be excessively tight or loose.
- Hats, bandanas, hoods, or other headwear may not be worn indoors.
- Undergarments may not show at any time.
- Jeans are not permissible.
- Clothing should not be disruptive to learning.

### Tops

Students are expected to wear collared shirts or dress shirts with sleeves. In addition, dress shirts without collars may be worn however, not casual or printed t-shirts. Tops should cover shoulders or should be worn with a sweater or jacket. Sweaters and jackets may be worn over a collared shirt.

Long- or short-sleeved collared dress shirts (tucked-in), long- or short-sleeved blouses and turtlenecks are acceptable. Button-down shirts must be worn buttoned. Blazers or sweaters may be worn over tops. Sweatshirts of any kind are not permissible.

#### **Dresses**

Dresses, skirts, or shorts must be no shorter than the middle of the thigh. Plain-colored leggings are permissible when worn under skirts, dresses, or tops no shorter than the middle of the thigh.

### **Bottoms**

Students are expected to wear chino pants, dress pants, dressy capris, bermuda length shorts, or shorts that are no shorter than the middle of the thigh. Athletic wear is not acceptable.

## **Footwear**

Suitable footwear must be worn at all times. This includes sturdy footwear appropriate for daily lower school activities and to protect students from injury. To ensure safety during all school activities, closed-toe shoes are strongly recommended.

## **Physical Education Clothing for Lower School Students**

Students should wear appropriate clothing and athletic shoes on days when physical education class is scheduled for their grade. If a student is not appropriately dressed for physical education, he/she will observe and not participate in class in order to ensure safety.

## **Dress Days**

Students may wear a dress blouse and dress pants, a skirt, a dress, dress slacks, or a dress shirt, along with a tie. Jackets are encouraged though not required. All students are expected to wear appropriate dress shoes.

## **Outdoor Clothing for Lower School Students**

In winter, all children will have outdoor recess and should bring appropriate clothing when the temperature is below 40 degrees. Children will have outdoor recess during the winter months, so children should dress accordingly in cold weather. When there is snow, snow pants, hats, and gloves/mittens are required. If a child is in school, he/she will be expected to participate in recess. Please select clothing and footwear that your child can fasten and unfasten unassisted.