



Lower School Dress Code Policy (Updated July 2021)

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 in order to focus on academic success. Our 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 without holes or ripped.
- Clothing should not be excessively tight or loose.
- Hats, bandanas, hoods, or other headwear may not be worn indoors.
- Clothing may not reveal the midriff.
- Undergarments may not show at any time.
- Jeans or denim of any kind are not permissible.
- Sweatshirts of any kind are not permissible.
- Clothing should not be disruptive to learning.

Tops

Students are expected to wear collared shirts or dress shirts with sleeves. Female students may wear dress shirts without collars; however, not casual or printed t-shirts. Tops should cover the majority of the shoulder, or should be worn with a sweater or jacket. Sweaters, quarter zips, and jackets may be worn over a collared shirt.

Long- or short-sleeved collared, button-down shirts should be tucked-in and buttoned. Long- or short-sleeved blouses and turtlenecks are acceptable. Blazers or sweaters may be worn over tops.

Dresses

Dresses, skirts, or shorts must be no shorter than the middle of the thigh. The length must be longer than the fingertips when arms are straight down by one's side.

Bottoms

Students are expected to wear chino pants, dress pants, bermuda shorts, or shorts that are no shorter than the fingertips when arms are straight down by one's side. Athletic wear is not acceptable. Leggings, tights or athleisure wear items by themselves are not permitted. Leggings or tights are permissible only when worn under skirts or dresses that are no shorter than the fingertips when arms are straight down by one's side.

Footwear

It is acceptable for lower school students to wear sneakers or other sturdy footwear appropriate for daily 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. Students in grades 3-5 may bring clothes to change into for physical education.

Special Occasion Dress Days

On days when there is a special event at the school students are required to dress more formally. Students can wear a dress blouse and dress pants, a skirt, a dress, dress slacks, dress shirt, and 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 have outdoor recess and need appropriate clothing when the temperature is below 40 degrees. With snow on the ground, students need boots, snow pants, a hat, and gloves/mittens. Please select clothing and footwear that students can fasten and unfasten unassisted.