



Middle School & Upper School Student Dress Code

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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 but are not limited to: verbal warning, official note, detention, 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.
- Clothing may not be revealing.
- 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, 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 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. A quarter zip does not constitute a collar. Sweatshirts of any kind are not permissible.

Dresses

Dresses, skirts, or shorts must be no shorter than the middle of the thigh. This means it is at a length at which one can sit comfortably and walk upstairs without feeling the need to pull down for coverage.

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, or bermuda 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. Upper school students are expected to wear dress shoes, loafers, clogs, boots, flats, and boat shoes. Middle school students are permitted to wear athletic shoes (sneakers) throughout the day due to their physical education classes. Students should bring athletic shoes if they are participating in extracurricular sporting events and store them in their locker or backpack. To ensure safety during all school activities closed-toe shoes are strongly recommended.

Head Coverings

Baseball hats or casual caps are not permitted to be worn indoors during the academic day or in academic settings. However, head coverings honoring religious or cultural traditions are always acceptable.

Dress Days

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.

Special Circumstances

Occasionally, the academic dress code may be altered community-wide in consideration of the weather. From time to time, teachers or coaches may instruct specific dress expectations for a special event or activity, such as a field trip, celebration day, spirit week event, etc.). However, students are expected to be in dress code for field trips unless otherwise directed.