

STUDENT DRESS CODE:

The following guidelines apply except for school-wide events where special dress is permitted.

Overall expectations for all students:

1. All students are expected to be neat and clean.
2. All should be modestly dressed in attire appropriate to the classroom. *Modesty means that no bellies, breasts, buttocks, or underwear should be showing. This should be true when sitting at a desk as well as standing. Garments worn directly over underwear should not be transparent.*
3. Dress or appearance disruptive to the learning process will not be tolerated.
4. All clothing must be neat and clean and free of rips and tears. *No raw fabric edges should be exposed.*

Specifics:

1. *Head coverings (such as hats, hoods, or bandanas) will not be worn in school, **except for medical or religious exemption as approved by Headmaster.***
2. *Appropriate footwear is required at all times; **slippers are not permitted.***
3. **Shirt requirements:**
 - a. *Material of the shirt must cover **at least** down to the shoulder.*
 - b. *The sleeve must be hemmed and sewn **at bottom or** at the shoulder.*
 - c. *Sleeveless shirts must resemble a blouse (i.e. a sleeveless shirt with a collar and/or buttons down the front) **or a “business shell” with jewel neckline that comes to the collarbone.***
 - d. *No tank tops will be allowed. The strap appearance of a tank top does not comply with the restrictions above.*
 - e. *Shirts must cover the entire midriff.*
4. *Inappropriate pictures or lettering are not allowed on shirts or other **clothing.** This includes advertising for alcoholic beverages or alcohol/drug/tobacco related messages, **sexual innuendo, or derogatory or threatening statements.***
5. *Shorts will be allowed throughout the year. **Short restrictions:***
 - a. *Athletic shorts (**with or without pockets**), cutoff shorts, and shorts with holes or rips are not permitted.*
 - b. *Students in classes conducting outdoor activities during wet or cool weather cannot use the wearing of shorts as a valid excuse for non-participation. Students should dress appropriately for the planned activities.*
 - c. *Shorts hems may not be higher than five inches above the middle of the kneecap.*
 - d. *Shorts are not appropriate for field trips.*
6. *All students will have extra clothing for physical education class and will change for class when required.*
7. *Students will wear protective clothing when required for class – such items as laboratory aprons, coveralls, safety glasses, etc.*
8. *Skirts **and dresses must be no higher than 5 inches above the middle of the kneecap, whether or not legs are covered under them (for example by spandex, leggings or stockings).***

9. **Dress straps must be at least 1 inch wide at the shoulder. No halter top dresses will be permitted.**
10. Pajamas, *lounge pants, long athletic pants or sweatpants with or without pockets* are not appropriate for school wear.
11. Clothing supporting gang association either through the use of particular colors or symbols or worn in a style linked to gang identification will not be allowed.

ENFORCEMENT

Students who do not adhere to these requirements will not be permitted to attend class or the activity involved until the dress code violation has been remedied.

A student whose manner of dress appears to be in violation will be immediately sent to their guidance counselor. (If their regular counselor is unavailable, another counselor will address the situation). If their style of dress is indeed in violation of the dress code an administrative referral will be filed, and:

First Dress Code Violation

The students will be required to change to appropriate clothing before being allowed to return to class. If they do not have appropriate clothing with them, they will either have to borrow such clothing from another student (no interruptions of another student's class will be allowed) or they will have to contact a parent to bring them school appropriate attire.

Students will remain in the guidance waiting area until such time as they have appropriate dress. They will not return to class until the situation is resolved. If lunch period comes during the time the student is waiting for clothes to change, the student may go to the dining hall to get lunch but will return immediately to the guidance area to eat.

Second Dress Code Violation

Same as above plus a Saturday in-school suspension will be assigned.

Third Dress Code Violation (and any subsequent violations)

Student will be suspended out-of-school for the day and a parent conference and/or a hearing with the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees will be scheduled. Students are not eligible for athletics and other co-curricular activities on days of out-of-school suspension.

Students will be allowed to go home to change only with specific parent permission at that time, regardless of senior release status. Time out of class for referral, in-house correction of dress situation, waiting for parents to bring appropriate clothing or during the time the student may be dismissed to go home to change will count as class absences.

Participation in Inter-Scholastic Events -

Students who participate in inter-scholastic events represent the Academy and the entire student body. Advisors and coaches will insure that all students reflect credit on the Academy in both their conduct and dress.

The following guidelines will be followed unless specifically exempted by the Headmaster.

Male students will wear slacks and shirt with tie; sport coats or sweaters may be required when appropriate; blue jeans or shorts will not be worn.

Female students will wear appropriate attire such as dresses, skirts and blouse or slacks; blue jeans or shorts will not be worn. *Casual t-shirts are not appropriate.*

3. Teams or organizations may travel in uniform when and where appropriate.

Field Trips -

Teachers will insure that students on field trips are dressed appropriately for the activity involved. The above guidelines for inter-scholastic athletics should serve as a model for appropriate activities. No blue jeans or shorts will be allowed.

If you feel that a student's attire is in violation of the dress code please send them with a pass to their guidance counselor. The counselor will take whatever action necessary to address the problem and, if appropriate, send them back to class with a pass. Student's whose attire cannot be immediately corrected will stay in the guidance area until other clothing is found or until the end of the day.