

Dress Code (Routine)

On a normal school day, students should wear clothing that is clean, tidy, modest, and respectful of others. Students dressed inappropriately are sent to the Dean of Students, who will require the student to change into appropriate clothing before continuing with the schedule of classes. Chronic inability to abide by the dress code will lead first to loss of all free bells, then to a parent conference, and finally to a Discipline Committee meeting to address the student's unwillingness to comply. Student dress should meet the following standards:

Condition: All clothing, including shoes and hats, must be clean and in good condition (not soiled, carelessly patched, cutoff, etc.).

Appropriateness: Clothing, including jewelry, may not make either subtle or open references to drugs (including tobacco and alcohol) or sex. Language on clothing may not be sexist, bigoted, or profane. Clothing must provide both fullness and coverage.

Clothing that reveals a student's midsection is prohibited. It cannot be too short (hems of skirts and shorts may not fall above the wearer's knuckles when the wearer is standing upright), too tight, or too revealing.

- Straps on tank tops must be at least 1.5 inches wide. Underwear should not show and should never be considered outerwear.
- Sheer/knitted tops/layering: Anything visible, whether it is outerwear or underneath another garment, must conform to the dress code.
- Team uniforms: These are allowed if a student has been asked to change at lunch to leave early for a match/ game/meet. They are not allowed before lunch.
- Spandex/leggings/yoga pants: Yoga pants are allowed. Leggings and spandex may be worn with a shirt or sweater that covers the entire "derriere."
- Underwear: Should not be visible at any time. **Shoes:** Students are to wear shoes at all times.

Shirts, Blouses and Tops: Sleeveless blouses and tank tops are permitted. Strapless tops are not permitted, even if they provide coverage in all other areas. All tops need to be clearly recognizable as outerwear with no cleavage showing, and straps must be 1.5 inches minimum. Tank tops must provide body coverage; no part of a student's chest should be visible when the wearer leans over, picks up a backpack, etc.

Sunglasses/Hoodies/Hats: Students are not permitted to wear sunglasses inside school buildings unless there is a documented medical reason for such use. Students are not permitted to wear the hoods of sweatshirts in the building. Teachers need to be able to sustain eye contact with students; i.e., hats need to be worn in an appropriate manner.

Dress Code (Dress Up)

From time to time, the school asks students to dress up for some ceremony honoring an individual or event. These "Dress-Up Days" are announced in advance. On Dress-Up Days, students are expected to dress according to the standards below *for the entire school day*. Students who arrive at school on Dress-Up Days improperly attired will be required immediately to change. In addition, the Dean of Students will assign such students detentions and call their parents. Each subsequent failure to dress properly will be handled with greater severity. *Class Day* and *Awards Day* (at the end of school year) are on-going Dress-Up Days.

General Guidelines For Dress-up Days: : Dress up outfits are usually covered by a "business casual" approach. Here are some options:

- 1) Collared shirt with a tie, dress slacks or Dockers-style pants, dress up shoes
- 2) A dress outfit comprised of a skirt and a dress top, or a dress.
- 3) Slacks and a dress sweater
- 4) A sportscoat with a collared shirt, nice pants, and nice shoes

Specific Dress-up Day Prohibitions:

- blue denim and flannel
- hats of any kind
- athletic shoes, old boat shoes, old sandals, etc.
- shorts