

## HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The school expects students to maintain a neat and well-groomed appearance and to dress modestly and appropriately. The lines between recreational and school wear have blurred in recent years and we feel it may be helpful to clarify what we mean by modest and appropriate school clothing. We have observed that the way students dress affects their demeanor and attitude toward their work. The aim of the dress code is to remove the focus on fashion and clothing and to redirect our students' attention to their studies and activities in school. We expect parents to support the dress code and to see that students are dressed appropriately before leaving home.

The faculty reserves the right to determine whether an article of clothing is appropriate or not.

### ALL STUDENTS

In general, clothing must not:

Be torn, cut, faded/ acid-washed, patched or frayed.

Have writing and/or pictures (no logos, slogans or advertisements including college names).

Clothing that carries a small logo may be worn if it can be covered by the student's fist.

Be see-through.

Be over-sized.

Regarding students' personal appearance:

Midriff area of torso may never be exposed.

Pants may not ride below the hip bone.

No underwear may be visible under any circumstance.

No rings or studs on any facial features (excluding ears).

Head coverings may not be worn, except for religious reasons. No hair picks, sweat bands or hoods may be worn.

Unnatural colors (green, blue, purple, etc.) are not acceptable.

The following items are not to be worn:

Athletic clothing (sweatpants, leggings, stretch pants, windbreaker pants, nylon pants, terry cloth, velour casual wear, swimsuits, etc.) except in gym classes.

Items intended to be worn outdoors, such as sunglasses, hats, caps, jackets, hooded jackets, and coats.

Denim pants, skirts, dresses and jackets of any shade of blue.

Pants with excess laces, zippers and oversized pockets.

Camouflage-type clothing and army fatigues.

Rubber beach-style flip-flops.

Dress shorts may be worn in September, October, May (after Spring Festival) and June. Shorts must be dress shorts, not athletic wear (no nylon, spandex, or shorts with sport stripes). The length of shorts must be near the knee. No blue denim or cut-offs will be permitted. Cargo-style shorts are also not permitted.

## BOYS

Shirts that are meant to be tucked into pants must be tucked in. Shirts with buttons must be buttoned.

Short-sleeve and long-sleeve T-shirts are unacceptable; **shirts must have a collar.**

Hair that is long enough to be tied back must be so.

On all-school assembly days, boys in high school must wear long dress pants, jackets, ties and shoes. No sneakers may be worn.

## GIRLS

Girls' skirts must be no higher than two inches above the top of the knee.

All shirts and blouses must be two inches wide at the shoulder and must completely cover undergarments.

On all-school assembly days, girls must wear modest dresses, skirts or dress slacks. No sneakers or flip flops may be worn.

## ENFORCEMENT

Students will have to correct infractions of the dress code immediately. If a student does not have an appropriate change of clothing, he or she will be provided with clothing from the high school wardrobe. Decisions regarding the dress code will be made by high school faculty members.

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