

## **Lower and Middle School Dress Code**

The intent of the dress code is for students to wear clothing that is neat, clean and appropriate for school. If what a student is wearing is not - even if it seems to be within the letter of the code outlined below - the student will be considered out of dress code. That intent is as important as the specific guidelines.

Parents or guardians of a student who is not in dress code may be called to bring a change of clothes for their child, or that student may be given appropriate clothing by an administrator and be required to wear it for the remainder of the school day. All students must be in dress code when on campus during school hours.

Ripped, torn or soiled clothing may not be worn. Suggestive or revealing clothing may not be worn. Boys' shirts must have collars. Midriffs and shoulders must be kept covered.

*The following items may not be worn:*

- Hooded clothing, hats, camouflage garments, denim clothing of any color, or pajamas
- Sweatshirts, sweatpants or athletic pants
- Facial piercings, body piercings, or unnaturally colored hair
- Graphics and/or writing on clothing

For boys, shirts with long tails must be kept tucked in. For girls, sleeveless blouses with finished-edge necklines (no t-shirt-type necklines) are permitted; spaghetti straps and tank tops are not. Leggings are not allowed except with appropriate shorts or skirts. Shorts and skirts must be approximately knee length.

Sneakers may be worn if they are clean and in good repair.

**Clothing for PE Class:** Students in Grades 6-8 must wear casual sports shorts and shirts for physical education classes. This attire is also appropriate for Upper School students in physical education courses.

### **Dress Code for Prekindergarten and Kindergarten:**

There is a relaxed dress code for the Pre-K and Kindergarten programs. Please plan to dress your child in comfortable, washable clothing each school day. We ask that clothing not be ripped or torn. Since we are firm believers in "hands-on" learning, we will be doing many activities that involve paint, clay, sand, water, and other "messy" materials. We will also be moving our bodies and need clothing that allows the most freedom. In an effort to foster self-help skills, we request clothing that the child can successfully fasten independently. Children must change into sneakers each day for physical education, so we ask that children wear shoes or sneakers that are easy for them to put on and take off by themselves (preferably Velcro for Pre-K). We also ask that children wear comfortable footwear that will allow them to climb our playground climbing apparatus successfully and safely. Sandals and shoes should have a back, and we recommend that socks be worn with sandals since the playground surface is woodchips. The children play outside almost every day, so in cold weather they will need appropriate gear. Hats, boots, mittens, and snow pants will be needed every day in winter. Most importantly, you have spent time and money providing your child with appropriate clothing. Protect your investment: please LABEL your child's things! We travel around campus and various items are bound to be left behind. Things with names are usually returned quickly. We also ask that each child have an extra change of clothes at school.