

Personal Appearance and Dress Code

Appropriate dress at school is a joint responsibility of students and parents. Students are expected to exercise modesty and good judgment in selecting apparel. Clothing acceptable for school-wear must be clean, neat, modest and appropriate for a learning environment. Dress code guidelines apply to everyday dress; there is no special dress for Chapel days and there is no exception to the rule unless otherwise stated.

Clothing that is torn, threadbare, or frayed is not permitted. Shoes must be worn at all times, and slippers are not defined as shoes. Pierced ears are allowed for High School boys. Boys are allowed to wear one pair of simple stud earrings (one earring in each ear). Gauges, multiple rings on the ears, hoops, or any ring deemed indecent (size or style) by administration is not permitted. Pierced ears for High School girls are allowed. Body piercing or tattoos may not be visible at any time. Unusual hairstyles such as: Mohawks, spikes, and unusual hair colors, as determined by the school administration, are not permitted. Neither chains nor bandanas may extend out of pockets or other areas of clothing. Bandanas may not be worn on campus during or after school.

Clothing, jewelry, and personal items (backpacks, binders, fanny packs, gym bags, water bottles, etc.) shall be free of writing, pictures or any insignia which contain inappropriate innuendo or double meaning, which bear drug, alcohol, or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likeness, or which advocate racial, ethnic, religious or political prejudice. Neither shall these items endorse or represent any groups or bands.

Students who are dressed inappropriately will receive a warning and be required to change attire before attending classes. If a change of clothes cannot be provided the student will report to the main office and a lab coat will be provided to the student for the remainder of the school day. The lab coat must be worn at all times during the school day. The removal of the lab coat during school hours will result in an immediate Saturday School Detention. Parents will receive a written letter of notice, email, or phone call for the first (1st) dress code infraction. If a second (2nd) dress code infraction occurs, students will be At-Home Suspended for one day; student will be required to change immediately; and a parent meeting will be arranged. If a third (3) infraction occurs, parents will be contacted, and the student will be At-Home Suspended for 1-3 days.

Boys may wear:

- Collared shirts with long or short sleeves.
- Crew-neck shirts with long or short sleeves.
- Outerwear limited to sweatshirts, sweaters, zip-up jackets, and winter jackets.
- Tailored pants, shorts, and jeans worn at the natural waistline.
- Hats and hoods, except, while in a classroom, Assembly, or Chapel service.
- Neat and trimmed hair, no longer than the top of the collar of a dress style shirt in the back and the top of eyebrows in the front.
- Facial hair that is neat and trimmed
- Boys are allowed to wear one pair of simple stud earrings (one earring in each ear)

Boys may not wear:

- Sweat suits or sweatpants
- Basketball shorts
- Hoods in classroom or Chapel
- Hats in Chapel or Assembly
- Boys hair cannot extend 3 inches in length from the top of the head
- Tank tops
- Sagging pants or shorts (pants must be worn at waistline).

Girls may wear:

- Tailored pants, Capri pants, jeans, shorts, and skirts worn at the natural waistline.
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts no more than 4" above the knee.
- Attire that covers the shoulders, back, and midriff at all times (undergarments may not be visible at any time).
- Hats and hoods, except, while in a classroom, Assembly, or Chapel service.
- Earrings.

Girls may not wear:

- Sweat suits or sweatpants
- Basketball shorts

- Girls may not wear tights/jeggings unless accompanied by a dress or skirt that meets the 4" above the knee rules stated above.
- Spaghetti strap tank tops, dresses or low-cut tops
- Strapless dresses or strapless shirts
- Slippers

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION

Girls Tops:

- No cleavage
- Straps must be as wide or wider than a dollar bill; when wearing a shear top, the undershirt must have straps that are dollar bill width

Jeggings and Leggings (Any pant with fabric that is knit and stretchy even if it has pockets, zippers, brads, etc.):

- May be worn with a top that is at least fingertip length when arms are along the sides of the body
- The fingertip length must be that length around the entire body
- Cardigans must also have a fingertip length shirt underneath

Jeans

- Must have no holes or frays

Dresses/Skirts

- No more than 4" above the knee and are the only outfit choices in which tights can be worn underneath