

## Dress Code

All students are expected to come to school in clean and properly fitting uniforms with proper hygiene and hair styled neatly. Daily personal grooming is important. Pride in one's appearance is the first step in gaining self-esteem and confidence. Moreover, limiting distractions associated with inappropriate or unusual dress and personal style promotes a positive learning environment. Parents will be contacted if a student is out of uniform or comes to school poorly groomed.

The student dress code is an important part of the school program and philosophy. Making a choice to attend the School, the student (with parent support) agrees to follow all dress code requirements. **The dress code is not an option for the student or parent.** Not choosing to follow the dress code may lead to suspension or expulsion.

The teacher and instructional aide are the prime enforcers of this policy. Occasionally, the Principal may have a building "dress-down" day when students and staff may dress down (in a reasonable fashion).

School administration may make changes to the dress code during the school year. The school administration will first notify parents in writing that the changes are to be made. Students are expected to comply with such changes.

The student dress code is as follows:

- Any solid colored short or long sleeved polo shirt; undergarments must also be solid colored (e.g., t-shirts)
- Only solid colored white, gray, navy, black, or beige knitted cardigans or knitted pullover sweaters are allowed. **No sweatshirts or hoodies.**
- Black, navy, or khaki skirts, skorts, jumpers, or slacks. **NO COLORED DENIM** may be worn. Skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be knee length. No floor length dresses, jeans, sweatpants, overalls, leggings or jeggings. Uniform shorts may be worn during the months of April through September only. Uniform shorts are black, navy, or khaki and must be knee length.
- Black or brown belts must be worn around the waist (no "sagging").
- Socks or tights must be worn at all times.
- Dress shoes or plain white or black tennis shoes may be worn. Shoes must be closed-toed. No moccasins, sandals or high heels.
- Tennis shoes must be worn on scheduled physical education days.
- Students may not come to school with unusual "fad" haircuts or unnatural hair coloring. **No designs** may be cut into the hair. Natural haircuts are the accepted style. All hairstyles must be neat and clean.
- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- Studs for earrings (one per ear) and wristwatches are permitted.
- No headscarves (except for religious observance)
- No "yoga" pants or tights as pants even on dress down days.
- No writing or pictures are on any clothing.
- No see-through clothing of any kind.