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All students are expected to come to school in clean and properly fitting uniforms with their hair styled neatly and with proper hygiene. 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. In making the 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 building Administrator may have a building "dress-down" day when students and staff may dress down (in reasonable fashion).

The student dress code is as follows:

Girls

- Any solid colored polo shirt (long or short sleeve); undergarments must also be solid colored (e.g., t-shirts);
- 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, sweat pants, 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 with slacks with belt loops;
- No headscarves (except for religious observance)
- Students may not wear "yoga" pants or tights as pants even on dress down days.
- Dress shoes or plain white or black tennis shoes may be worn. – No, moccasins, sandals or boots; shoes must be closed toed shoes. Girls may not wear high heels
- Socks or tights must be worn at all times;
- Studs for earrings (one per ear) and wristwatches are permitted; otherwise no other jewelry (including body piercing jewelry) of any kind, is permitted;
- No make-up of any kind; and
- Writing or pictures are not permitted on any clothing – no see-through clothing of any kind.

Boys

- Any solid colored polo shirt (long or short sleeve); undergarments must also be solid colored (e.g., t-shirts);
- Black, , navy, or khaki slacks. NO COLORED DENIM may be worn. No jeans or sweat pants. Uniform shorts may be worn during the months of April through September only;
- Black or brown belts must be worn around the waist(no "sagging");
- Dress shoes or plain white tennis shoes may be worn. – No deck shoes, moccasins, sandals or boots; shoes must be closed toed shoes.

- Socks must be worn at all times:
- Studs for earrings (one per ear) and wristwatches are permitted; otherwise no other jewelry (including body piercing jewelry) of any kind for any reason is permitted; and
- No writing or pictures are not permitted on any clothing – no see-through clothing of any kind.

Boys and Girls

- Only solid colored white, gray, navy, black, or beige knitted cardigans or knitted pullover sweaters are allowed - **no sweatshirts or hoodies;**
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- 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; and
- Tattoos must be covered at all times.
- School administration may make changes to the dress code during the school year if there is an article of clothing that is being worn that is a disruption to the learning environment. The school administration will first notify parents in writing that the changes are to be made. Students are expected to comply with changes that have been appropriately communicated.

Boys and Girls Physical Education Class Dress Code

All grades:

- Tennis shoes must be worn on scheduled physical education days.