

Dress Code

The dress code has been developed with input from students, parents, teachers, and administrators, and has several purposes. First, it helps students to distinguish between school and leisure time. It also ensures a certain amount of uniformity among the student body while allowing for personal taste. Finally, students' dress should be affordable and convenient, and should not prove a distraction to the business of going to school.

Regular Dress, year round (boys and girls):

Solid-color navy, tan, black, brown or gray dress pants or skirt (*must be knee length or longer*) (skorts of the same length are acceptable)

Solid-color collared shirt or blouse with collar, tucked in**

Sweater (**no hood**) (optional)

Dress shoes, closed in front and back, sneakers, or boots in inclement weather

Plain stockings or tights

**** The shirt MUST have a shirt tail of at least 6 inches. Shirts can be long sleeved or short sleeved, not sleeveless. Excessively tight shirts are also not acceptable.**

*****Open backed clogs are not acceptable – shoes must cover the foot entirely. Straps around the heel are also not acceptable.**

Seasonal Options (October 15 and May) (boys and girls):

Solid-color navy, tan, black, brown or gray dress pants, dress shorts – knee length, capri pants, or skirt (*must be knee length or longer*) (skorts of the same length are acceptable)

Solid-color collared shirt or blouse with collar, tucked in**

Sweater (**no hood**) (optional)

Dress shoes, closed in front and back, or sneakers

Plain stockings or tights

Formal Dress (worn for formal occasions, such as some assemblies and closing exercises)

Boys:

Khaki dress slacks

White dress shirt with tie

Navy blue blazer

Dress shoes, closed in front and back

Socks

Girls:

Khaki dress slacks or khaki knee length skirt

White collared blouse (not knit)

Navy blue blazer

Dress shoes, no sandals, shoes must be closed in front and back

Plain stockings, or tights - *no leggings*

N.B. Form II students have specific dress requirements for closing exercises.

Additional Guidelines:

- Shady Side reserves the right to judge the length of skirts and shorts, the size of pants, and the manner in which clothing is worn.
- Cargo pants (with pockets on the legs) are not considered to be dress pants. Cargo shorts or cargo skirts are unacceptable.
- Carpenter pants are not acceptable.

- **Girls' skirts must be to the knee or longer.** No slits, no wrap-around skirts. Skorts (same length) are acceptable.
- Pants or skirts with belt loops should be worn with belts.
- Dress pants and slacks must fit appropriately. Pants legs must not drag on floor.
- No long sleeved shirts are to be worn under short sleeved shirts.
- No short sleeved shirts are to be worn under short sleeved shirts. No layering of polo shirts.
- If an 'undershirt' or camisole is worn, it must not hang out from under the 'top' shirt.
- A sweater (cardigan, v-neck, crew neck) is not required, but students should be advised that parts of the building can be quite cold in winter. We advise that all students keep a sweater at school. ***No other outer garments are allowed inside.***
- ***At no time will the following be allowed in school under the dress code: tank tops, jackets, fleeces, hooded sweatshirts or sweaters, coats, caps, or hats.***
- Sandals or open-toed shoes will not be allowed in school, **even on dress up or dress-down days.** Heels must not exceed 1-1/2 inches. No platform shoes; shoes must always be closed in both front and back (no Birkenstocks or Crocs).
- Dress-down days will be announced periodically throughout the year. Jeans and T-shirts will be allowed on these days, within the bounds of good taste.
- Violation of dress code may result in the assignment of disciplinary points or break time-outs. Students who come to school out of dress code may be asked to change clothes before being admitted to classes; parents may be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothes or students may be sent home. If in doubt, bring in the item of clothing for approval before wearing it!

Lockers and Book bags

Each student has a locker at the Middle School. New students will be issued and charged for a lock in September. Returning students should bring back the locks they used last year. New locks may be purchased at the school store. Only locks issued by the school may be used on lockers.

Coats, books, gym bags, and other materials may be stored in lockers during and after school. Students may also keep textbooks and supplies in lockers. Book bags and backpacks should be stored in lockers or designated cupboards. There are ample opportunities during the day to access lockers. Book bags and backpacks may not be left in hallways.

Things not to bring to school

Objects which pose a threat to the safety of one's self or others, such as guns, knives, and fireworks, should not be brought to school. Bringing such items to school is cause for serious disciplinary action.

The following are examples of other items, which have no place in school: things to sell, toys, dolls, electronic games, and Palm Pilots. Such items may be confiscated by teachers or advisors.

Tobacco or other substances are prohibited for Middle School students at any and all school-related functions or on Academy grounds at any time.

Chewing gum is not allowed in the school building.

No energy drinks such as Red Bull, Monster, etc. are permitted at the Middle School during the academic day or during athletics.

If students need to bring in otherwise inappropriate items for a class presentation, they should make arrangements in advance with the teacher of the class.

We realize that some of our students have long bus rides and use ipods to listen to music while traveling to and from school. Ipods should not be used in the school building; they should be stored in lockers during the day.

While the Middle School is now wireless for Academy computers, ***only*** Academy computers will operate on our system. Please ***do not*** bring in laptops from home.

Finally, the school cannot assume responsibility for expensive items. Bring them to school at your own risk.