

2019-2020 Lower School Dress Code

Students must always strive for a neat appearance. Clothing should be clean, appropriate, and well-fitting. It is expected that students follow the dress code during the school day and at any Pace-sponsored activity, unless otherwise stated by the Head of the Lower School. Attempts to predict fashion in advance of the season are futile. We cannot provide a complete list of approved or excluded clothing; therefore, the following list is intended to provide the main idea for Pace dress and should help you with your purchases this summer. Parents will be informed when an outfit appears to be too casual for school dress.

A. DAILY ATTIRE

Girls

1. Girls should wear dresses, skirts or slacks of reasonable tailoring. Dresses, like skirts, **should be no shorter than the tips of fingers when arms are extended down sides**. Mini skirts or skirts designed for a short fit will not be allowed in any grade. **Blue jeans and solid color denim are allowed** (no threadbare or ripped fabric will be allowed). Blue denim skirts no shorter than the tips of fingers when arms are extended down sides are permitted. Straps on dresses must be at least one and one half inches wide. Backless dresses are not permissible. Gym sweat clothes, work or military (olive drab or camouflage) pants, parachute pants, mid-calf leggings, and tight fitting fashions are prohibited. Leggings with appropriate tops that reach at least to the upper thigh are permitted. Blue jean leggings (jeggings) are prohibited.
2. Shorts (**no shorter than the tips of fingers when arms are extended down sides**) are permitted (not jogging, athletic, or short shorts). Shorts may not be rolled up. Cuffs on shorts must be tacked/stitched.
3. Blouses, dressy T-shirts, and knit shirts with collars designed for wear by girls are acceptable and must be long enough to be tucked into slacks or skirts. **A student's midriff should be fully covered. When arms are raised skin should not show. Girls tops must have either a collar or a sleeve.** Tank tops, athletic shirts, or overly casual T-shirts are not allowed. There should be no written text across the front of T-shirts. Please, no environmental or theme shirts except on designated days.
4. Sweaters, Pace Academy sweatshirts and Pace Academy fleeces may be worn. Other sweatshirts are not allowed in class.
5. Polo type shirts must be worn tucked inside slacks, shorts, skirts.
6. Footwear should be clean. Athletic shoes are acceptable (except on dress attire days). Shoe laces must be tied. Backless shoes and high-heeled shoes are not permitted.
7. Belts should be worn with clothing designed for their use.
8. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be extreme in style or color.
9. Hats are not permitted.
10. Jewelry should be moderate, safe and not distracting.

Boys

1. Boys should wear slacks. Belts must be worn with pants which are designed for them. **Blue jeans and solid color denim are allowed** (no threadbare or ripped fabric will be allowed). Work, warm-up, olive drab, camouflage, parachute, military pants and zip off cargo pants are prohibited.
2. Shorts (knee-length or slightly above the knee) are permitted (not jogging, athletic or short shorts).
3. Only collared shirts are allowed. Shirts must have buttons at the neckline. Turtlenecks are allowed.
4. Sweaters and Pace Academy sweatshirts may be worn during class. Other sweatshirts are not allowed in class.
5. Footwear should be clean. Athletic shoes are acceptable (except on dress attire days). All shoes must be worn with socks. Shoelaces must be tied.
6. Shirts must be worn tucked inside slacks and shorts.

7. Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. **Hair may not be extreme in style or color and will not be below the ear lobe or collar and will be above the eyebrows.**
8. Hats are not permitted.

B. DRESS ATTIRE

Girls

1. Girls should wear dresses or skirts of reasonable tailoring. Dresses, like skirts, should be no shorter than the tips of fingers when arms are extended down sides.
2. Clean footwear is to be worn. No athletic shoes are permitted. Backless shoes are not permitted.

Boys

1. Boys should wear slacks with belts. A dress shirt is to be tucked in and a tie worn.
2. Clean footwear is to be worn. No athletic shoes are permitted.

C. POLICY ON (NON-PACE) LOGOS

Pace Academy School logos or slogans will be permissible on shirts, sweatshirts and jackets. Any other logo must meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) restricted to shirtfront
- 2) small in size (no larger than pocket size)
- 3) approved by the office
- 4) slogans are not permitted

On special occasions, Pace T-shirts, sweatpants, and other casual clothing will be allowed.

D. CLOTHING AND ACTIVITIES

The children should wear clothing which will allow them to participate in the school activities. Students may not wear jackets, coats or wind breakers while in class. Children who are sensitive to cool environments should have a sweater or Pace sweatshirt available at school.

E. PRE-FIRST GRADE

In addition to the above mentioned Daily Attire, Pre-First Graders may wear Pace Academy logo sweatshirts and sweat pants at any time. (Children should wear sports shirts with collars under sweatshirts.)

F. PE ATTIRE

Students in grades 4 and 5 purchase a Pace Academy PE uniform at the beginning of the school year. Uniforms must be worn in all PE classes except when students have swimming instruction. PE uniforms may be purchased in the lower school bookstore or in the campus store located in Boyd Gym.

Students in grades Pre-1 through 3 wear their regular school attire for PE class. Clothing should allow for free movement. Athletic shoes should be worn on PE days.

***It is important that you support the faculty and administration with these dress code guidelines.
We appreciate your efforts in helping us maintain an attractive and appropriate
atmosphere in the Lower School.***