

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:

Solid-color dress pants, shorts or skirt (must be of modest length) (skorts of the same length are acceptable), any color but white or neon.

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

Solid, single color or patterned sweater (**no hood**) (optional)

SSA regulation fleece

SSA regulation sweatshirt (**no hood**); 3/4 zip fleece or full zip

Dress shoes, closed in front and back, sneakers, boots (no heels over 1½ inches)

Belt on pants with loops

**** 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.**

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

Belt

Girls:

Khaki dress slacks or khaki knee length skirt

White collared button down shirt

Navy blue blazer

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

No Uggs or Uggs-style boots.

Optional: Plain stockings, or tights

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

Additional Guidelines:

- **Girls' skirts must be of modest length.** No slits, no wrap-around skirts. Skorts (same length) are acceptable. *This applies to regular dress, dress up days, and dress down days.*
- 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.
- Pants or skirts with belt loops must be worn with belts.
- Dress pants and slacks must fit appropriately.
- No long sleeved shirts are to be worn under short sleeved shirts.
- No short shorts on dress down or regular dress days.

- 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 such as coats are allowed to be worn inside.***
- ***At no time will the following be allowed in school under the dress code: tank tops, jackets, hooded sweatshirts or sweaters, coats, caps, hats, or yoga pants/leggings***
- 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 facial piercings.
- Dress-down days will be announced periodically throughout the year. Jeans and T-shirts (no tank tops) will be allowed on these days, within the bounds of good taste. On dress down days, regulation skirt length is still in force. No short shorts.
- Violation of dress code may result in the assignment of discipline. 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. Replacement skirts of an appropriate length will be supplied to girls whose skirts are too short. If in doubt, bring in the item of clothing for approval before wearing it!