

2020-2021 Lower School Dress Code

Dress Requirements

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 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. Parents will be informed when an outfit appears too casual or **inappropriate** for school dress.

Daily Attire for Girls

- Girls should wear dresses, skirts or slacks of reasonable tailoring. Dresses and 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 tip 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, 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.
- Shorts (no shorter than the tips of fingers when arms are extended down sides) are permitted. Jogging, athletic, or short shorts are not permitted. Shorts may not be rolled up. Cuffs on shorts must be tacked/stitched.
- Blouses, dressy T-shirts, and knit skirts 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, **including Pace T-shirts**, are not allowed. There should be no written text across the front of T-shirts. No environmental or theme shirts may be worn except on designated days.
- Sweaters, Pace Academy sweatshirts and Pace Academy fleeces may be worn. Other sweatshirts are not allowed in class.
- Polo type shirts must be worn tucked inside slacks, shorts, or skirts.
- Footwear should be clean. Athletic shoes are acceptable (except on dress attire days). Shoelaces must be tied. Backless shoes and high-heeled shoes are not permitted.
- Belts should be worn with clothing designed for their use.
- Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. Hair may not be extreme in style or color.
- Hats are not permitted in the building.
- Jewelry should be moderate, safe and not distracting.

Daily Attire for Boys

- Boys should wear slacks. Belts must be worn with pants that 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.
- Shorts (knee-length or slightly above the knee) are permitted. Jogging, athletic, or short shorts

are not permitted.

- Only collared shirts are allowed. Shirts must have buttons at the neckline. Turtlenecks are allowed.
- Sweaters and Pace Academy sweatshirts may be worn during class. Other sweatshirts are not allowed in class.
- Footwear should be clean. Athletic shoes are acceptable (except on dress attire days). All shoes must be worn with socks. Shoelaces must be tied.
- Shirts must be worn tucked inside slacks and shorts.
- Hair must be clean and neatly groomed. It may not be extreme in style or color. Hair will not be below the earlobe or collar and will be above the eyebrows.
- Hats are not permitted in the building.

Dress Attire for Girls

- 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.
- Clean footwear is to be worn. No athletic shoes are permitted. Backless shoes are not permitted.

Dress Attire for Boys

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

Non-Pace logos: Pace Academy school logos or slogans will be permissible on shirts, sweatshirts and jackets. Any other logo must be restricted to shirtfront, small in size (no larger than pocket size) and approved by the office. Slogans are not permitted.

Special occasions: On special occasions Pace T-shirts and other casual clothing will be allowed.

Clothing and activities: Children should wear clothing that will allow them to participate in school activities. Students may not wear jackets, coats, or windbreakers while in class. Children who are sensitive to cool environments should have a sweater or Pace sweatshirt available at school.

Pre-first attire: 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.

Physical Education attire: Students in pre-first through third grades wear their regular school attire for P.E. class. Clothing should allow for free movement. Athletic shoes should be worn on P.E. days.

- Students in fourth and fifth grade are not required to purchase a P.E. uniform. Boys and girls should wear shorts with an inseam of 6-7 inches and may wear any T-shirt. Athletic shoes should be worn in P.E. class.