

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. Leggings or shorts must be worn under skirts.

Skirts are permitted only with leggings underneath.

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

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

Solid colored face mask at all times

In order to bypass athletic lockers rooms, this year students are permitted to wear athletic gear from the waist down. This includes athletic shorts (not too short) and sweat pants, but no leggings. A collared shirt must still always be worn, but a t-shirt may be worn underneath. Students will not use the athletic locker rooms for changing clothes for PE or most sports.

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.

There will be no formal dress days this year.

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. Skirts must be worn with leggings underneath.*
- 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.
- 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. If in doubt, bring in the item of clothing for approval before wearing it!