

## **Middle School Dress Code 2021-2022**

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:**

- Dress pants, shorts, skirt or skort (must be of reasonable length) any color. Leggings must be worn under skirts. Shorts must have a button and a zipper - no athletic shorts. Any color, any pattern.
- Skirts are permitted only with leggings underneath.
- Collared shirt or blouse with collar, any color, any pattern.
- Any sweater (no hood) without large lettering or brand logos other than one small design.
- Any fleece, no big lettering, no hoods.
- Any sweatshirt (no hood); 3/4 zip fleece or full zip. No large lettering (except for Shady Side), small logos only.
- Dress shoes, fully enclosed in front and back, sneakers, boots (no heels over 1½ inches). Open backed clogs are not acceptable – shoes must cover the foot entirely. Straps around the heel are also not acceptable. No platform shoes.
- Shirts can be long sleeved or short sleeved, not sleeveless. Excessively tight shirts are also not acceptable, nor are shirts that expose the midriff. All shirts must be long enough to be tucked in.

### **\*\*\*Additional Guidelines:**

- No slits, no wrap-around skirts. 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.
- Dress pants and slacks must fit appropriately.
- At no time will the following be allowed in school under the dress code: tank tops, hooded sweatshirts or sweaters, caps, hats, or yoga pants/leggings except as under a skirt.
- 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 pants with giant rips.