

Greta Oppe Elementary School

Campus of Coastal Studies



Parent & Student Handbook 2021-2022

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Dear Parents:

We would like to welcome you and your child to Greta Oppe Elementary School. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive school year.

This campus handbook is designed to provide a resource for some of the basic information that you and your child will need during the school year that is specific to Oppe Elementary. This is in addition to the Galveston Independent School District Parent/Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct that are online at www.gisd.org.

The teachers and staff at Oppe are dedicated to the success of your child. It is our belief that all children can and will learn. We invite you to join us by supporting your child and our school in this goal.

One key to your child's success is attendance. We cannot emphasize enough the need for you to make sure that your child is at school every day and arrives on time. Students will be counted tardy starting at 8:15 am. Academics begin at 8:30 am sharp every morning. The majority of classes begin with reading as their first class of the day. Reading is the foundation for students to reach success. Being on time and not missing valuable instructional time is of the utmost importance. Please schedule appointments after school when at all possible.

Our communication with you is extremely important. Please stay in contact with your child's teacher(s) throughout the year. We also encourage you to participate in our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Volunteer Program.

Let us know if we can be of help or answer any questions.

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Oppe's Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop a diverse group of students' potential and inspire enthusiasm for learning while facilitating the growth of the whole child.

Grades Pre-K4 through 4th

School Colors: Royal Blue and White

School Mascot: Dolphin

School Hours: 8:15-3:55

School Uniforms: Khaki, Black or Blue Jean bottoms (not leggings) with royal blue or white collared shirts. Bottoms with holes, rips, logo, patterns, embellishments, or decorations are not allowed.

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General Campus Information

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Please notify the school office of any change of address, phone number, parent contact numbers, etc., as soon as possible. This will assist the school in the event of an emergency and help ensure that your child is handled properly and according to your wishes.

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Students may enter the campus at 8:00 a.m. and will report to their classroom. Students should not arrive on campus before 8:00 a.m. unless enrolled in the ACE 21st Century or TOR Kids programs. **Parents are encouraged to have students at school by 8:15 so instruction can begin at 8:30.** Students will be tardy starting at 8:15 am. Parents must walk students to the front door after 8:30.

ATTENDANCE – ABSENCES & TARDIES

Regular school attendance is extremely important to your child's education; therefore, parents should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences. Attendance is taken at each class period. Students are marked absent for missing any class periods during the day. Students arriving at school after 8:30 will be counted absent for their 1st period.

The State of Texas recognizes the following as valid reasons for absence:

- Illness of the child
- Sickness or death in the family
- Weather or road conditions making travel dangerous
- Religious holy days (please submit a written request prior to the absence)
- Days of suspension
- Participation in court proceedings
- Other unusual circumstances deemed appropriate by the campus principal

All absences are counted against the student's attendance record. School employees must investigate and report violations of the State of Texas Compulsory Attendance Law. Excessive absences may result in a referral to the legal court system. Students absent more than five days will be referred to our District Attendance Officer. Also, students with excessive tardiness will be referred to our District Attendance Officer.

Three Day Rule: When returning after an absence, students are required to bring a note signed by his or her parent/guardian describing the reason for the absence. Also, GISD now accepts parent absence notes via Skyward. If the note is not submitted to the school office within three days of the absence, the student's absence will be considered unauthorized or unexcused. GISD schools do not accept absence notes after three days.

Ten Day Rule: Once your child has been absent a total of 10 days, throughout the school year, a doctor's note will be required in order to excuse his/her absences.

AWARDS

"A" Honor Roll: Awarded to students in 1st - 4th grade who are instructed on grade level and receive an "A" in all subjects. Students must receive an "S" or above in all conduct and behavior grades. Spirit Sticks® are awarded at the end of each 9-week grading period. At the end of the school year, students who have maintained this award throughout the year will receive a "Principal's Award" certificate.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Awarded to students in 1st – 4th grade who are instructed on grade level and receive a combination of "A's" and "B's" in all subjects. Students must receive an "S" or above in all conduct and behavior grades. Spirit Sticks®/or Ribbons are awarded at the end of each 9-week grading period. At the end of the school year, students who have maintained this award throughout the year will receive an "Honor Roll" certificate.

Outstanding Behavior Award

Awarded to students in 1st -4th grade who have received an "E" in all conduct and behavior grades. Spirit Sticks®/ or Ribbons are awarded at the end of each 9-week grading period. At the end of the school year, students who have maintained an "E" or "G" in conduct throughout the year will receive a "Certificate of Recognition".

Perfect Attendance

Awarded to students who have not had any absences and no more than five tardies. Spirit Sticks® are awarded at the end of each 9-week grading period for grades 2-4 and ribbons for First and Kindergarten. At the end of the school year students who have maintained this award throughout the year will receive an "Attendance" certificate.

Citizenship

Citizenship awards are given to students who have demonstrated exceptional strengths in school community involvement and social/moral responsibility throughout the school year. At the end of the school year, one student from each classroom will be selected to receive this award. Those students will receive a "Citizenship" certificate.

In addition to the classroom awards, one student will be selected from the 4th grade recipients to receive the campus Citizenship award. This award will be presented during the GISD Board of Trustees meeting in May.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES/CELEBRATIONS

Most of our students will have birthday celebrations during the school year. While we appreciate the parent's and the child's desire to share this event with classmates, we cannot permit instructional time to be interrupted. Therefore, we will require that the following guidelines be followed

- Parents may drop off donuts or cookies only to school to be shared with classmates in the classroom during afternoon snack time or after lunch.
- Drinks or food items, such as pizza, ice cream or cupcakes, may not be served.
- Candles may not be used.
- Flowers/balloons/gifts may not be brought or sent to the school at any time of the year for any occasion.

BUILDING ACCESS AND VISITORS

All doors will remain locked during school hours.

Students

Students are instructed to use specific entrances and exits for arrival and dismissal. This is designated for the safety of all students.

Parents and Visitors

Parents and visitors will use the doorbell system to request access to the building. All visitors should report to the school office immediately upon arrival to receive a visitor's pass (a valid State issued ID is required to enter our campus). School personnel will utilize the V-Soft system to provide a pass to the visitor. This is designed for the safety of all students and staff.

*At this time, we will not be allowing visitors to campus beyond the front office.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Parents must complete the Transportation Registration through Skyward. Additional information, including bus routes and schedules can be obtained from our Transportation Department at 409-761-6175. No child will be allowed on the bus unless appropriate paperwork is completed. Misconduct while on the bus will be punished in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct; bus riding privileges may be suspended.

CAFETERIA SERVICES/CHILD NUTRITION

The goal of Child Nutrition Services is to provide quality nutritious meals for the students and staff each school day. Meals are designed to meet the tastes of the students while following federal and state guidelines for nutritional content. Low fat and reduced fat recipes and items are included in our menus. For more information or a detailed nutritional analysis, please contact Child Nutrition Services.

Through the Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, Galveston ISD Child Nutrition will provide breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year to all children at no charge.

This system will eliminate the collection of meal applications for free and reduced-price student meals as well as collecting payment for basic student meals. Add-ons, including chips, ice cream and other snacks will still be available for an extra cost. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information on CEP please contact: Jennifer Douglas, Director of Child Nutrition at jenniferdouglas@gisd.org or 409-766-5162.

Students are provided a free breakfast in the classroom from 8:15-8:30. If you would rather provide breakfast for your child, please have them consume it prior to arriving at school.

Parents and visitors will not be allowed to eat lunch with their children this year as we continue to follow Covid safety guidelines.

CALENDAR

A copy of Oppe's monthly calendar can be found on the district website under Oppe.

CANVAS

Teachers will use Canvas as an online platform to digitally store student lessons, homework assignments, and activities. Students will be taught to navigate Canvas at the beginning of the school year. This will enhance classroom instruction and communication with students and parents.

CELL PHONES

Students are allowed to keep a cell phone in their backpack. The phone must be turned off at all times while on campus. Any phone that is turned on or in use will be picked up and sent to the office. The phone will be returned to the parent/guardian.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SCHOOL

Every Friday your child's teacher will send home a "Peek of the Week", which will give you an overview of classroom activities and expectations for the upcoming week. Students in grades 1-4 will bring home a daily assignment book/folder which is to be signed by parents daily. Please be sure to join your child's "Parent Square" account for up to the minute class information. We also have a Facebook page and a website (<https://oppe.gisd.org/>).

CONFERENCES

GISD schedules parent/teacher conference days in October and February (please refer to the GISD calendar/website for specific dates). In addition, teachers are available to meet with parents during their regularly scheduled conference time during the school day. Parents are encouraged to talk with teachers, the Principal, Assistant Principal, or the Counselor about academic or personal concerns at any time throughout the school year. It is recommended that appointments for a conference be arranged by telephone or email. You may call the school (409-761-6500) and leave a request for the teacher to return your call.

DISCIPLINE

Greta Oppe Elementary students follow all discipline policies that are explained in the GISD Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is online at www.gisd.org. Please be sure to review this booklet with your child/children.

Each grade level has a behavior management plan in place. An explanation of that plan goes home at the beginning of the school year for you to review with your child/children. Please sign and return after you have reviewed it as a family.

Prior to any disciplinary action, teachers will try interventions in the classroom and may make phone calls home or schedule a conference to talk to the parent about the concern. A Dolphin Behavior Card may also be substituted for the classroom behavior plan if the student has not been successful with the original behavior plan in the classroom. If the behavior continues, a discipline referral may be sent to the office.

Some consequences are parent contacts, office time, in-school suspension, out of school suspension, and/or other administrative actions as stated in the GISD Code of Conduct book.

Oppe students have a chance to earn Dolphin Dollars. Dolphin Dollars are awarded to students who have made good choices. Dolphin Dollars are intended to encourage positive behavior. Positive behavior helps in developing good citizenship. Any staff member can give Dolphin Dollars to students. Students collect Dolphin Dollars to cash in for different privileges and/or prizes.

Oppe staff and students will continue to utilize the CHAMPS procedures as well as encourage the following six character traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

DISMISSAL

Classes are dismissed at 3:55 p.m. All students, with the exception of bus riders and those attending the after-school programs, will exit at the front of the school and remain with their teacher until a parent or guardian has arrived to pick them up.

Again, student safety is our utmost concern; therefore, parents are requested to abide by the following guidelines during dismissal:

- Parents/guardians will wait outside so teachers can carefully monitor with whom each child is leaving.
- If you need to leave your car, please park on the street or in the parking lot by Schreiber Park. Cars that block other cars will be ticketed by GISD Police. Those parking in handicap spaces without authorization will be ticketed with a fine of up to \$257.00.
- Do not exit your car if you are in one of the pull-through lanes.
- Please follow the directions of the staff directing traffic. They are there to assist with the safety of your children.
- Students should be picked up promptly by 3:55 p.m. Staff is not available to supervise students after this time. GISD Police may be contacted at 4:15 p.m. to assist with students who have not been picked up. Cases in which children are repeatedly picked up late will be referred to our Social Worker; failure to pick your child up on a continuous basis could be viewed as neglect.
- Pets are not allowed on school grounds during dismissal. We must be mindful of students that are afraid of certain pets or may have severe allergies.
- Please place the sign, provided by your child's teacher, which can easily be read with your child's name and grade level on your front dashboard.

Change in Child's Normal Dismissal Routine: When making other arrangements for your child at dismissal, please communicate your arrangements in writing with your child's teacher or the school office prior to 3:00 p.m. Emailing the teacher or sending a "Parent Square" message for changes in dismissal is discouraged after 2:30, as they may not check it prior to the end of the school day. Without a written request your child will go home their normal and usual way. Telephone changes are highly discouraged because the identity of the caller cannot be verified. Close communication will help eliminate confusion, as well as maintaining a safe environment for your child.

DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS

When you are scheduling appointments with your child's doctor or dentist, please consider a time after 9:45 a.m. Official state attendance is taken at 9:15 a.m. We encourage late afternoon appointments (after 3:00) so that instruction is not interrupted.

EARLY PICK-UP

Picking up students prior to regular dismissal time is extremely disruptive to the class and your child's education. Parents are encouraged to pick up students early only in extreme emergencies. If a student has to leave school early, a note should be written to the teacher that morning. If someone other than the parent is to pick up the child, the parent must include that information in the note. That person's name should be listed on the Student Data Sheet, and they must provide a photo ID for office staff. Parents or the authorized adult must go to the office to sign out a student leaving prior to 3:00 p.m.; they will also be asked to state the reason for early departure. After 3:15 p.m., we ask parents to wait until dismissal time to obtain their child. We begin bus dismissal at 3:15 and car pick-up shortly after. This procedure is put in place for the safety of students.

FIELD TRIPS

State law prohibits students from attending field trips without written permission from their parent/guardian. Please remember permission slips must be signed and returned to your child's teacher prior to the field trip day. Children will not be allowed to call home on the day of the field trip to get permission or other items needed. Adults wishing to assist as a chaperone on a school sponsored field trip must give authorization for a criminal background history at least two weeks prior to the field trip. Chaperones arriving to assist with field trips must check-in at the school office. Siblings are not allowed to attend field trips.

GRADING/REPORT CARDS

Students will receive a progress report 4 1/2 weeks after the beginning of each grading period. Elementary report cards are issued every 9 weeks, and both are viewable via your Skyward account. No paper copies will be sent home. If you should have questions or concerns about your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher to set up a conference.

HOMEWORK

Homework is routinely required of students, as assigned by the teacher. Homework is given Monday – Thursday. Its purpose is to provide reinforcement, extra practice, and supplemental information to classroom instruction. Homework also fosters the

development of good study habits, a practice that is critically important for students who plan to pursue advanced education. Parents are urged to ensure that their children read at least 20 minutes at home each evening.

LIBRARY

Our library media program is integral to the education of each child. It is designed to create lifelong readers and learners. It supports the classroom curriculum and extends classroom experiences using a variety of media. The program encourages reading for pleasure and information. It is also our goal to provide a diverse collection of literature and non-fiction materials, thereby providing an opportunity for our students to become respectful and responsible life-long learners that are informed, literate and culturally enriched. Students in all grade levels will learn skills to become effective and efficient users of ideas and information as well as develop a love for libraries, authors, and illustrators. We do not charge fines for late books. However, we do charge for book damages. These may include replacing the book. If the book is lost, we charge the cost to replace the book. Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade may check out one book, while students in grades 3-4 may check out 2 books. Students with overdue books are not permitted to check out another book.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

If your child loses an article of clothing or any large item, he or she should check with the lost & found, which is located in the gym. Glasses, money, or small items are kept in the school office. To assist your child in identifying his/her school supplies and other belongings, please label or mark all items. Every effort will be made to reunite lost items with their owners; however, any unclaimed items will be donated to a community service center by the second week in June.

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

Students requiring medications at school must follow the appropriate district policies (no exceptions). All medications must be maintained and administered in the school clinic. Authorized district employees may administer:

- Prescription medication provided by the parent, along with a written request from the parent and a physician, and in the original, properly labeled container obtained from your pharmacy. It must also be prescribed and signed by a physician licensed to practice in the State of Texas.
- Students may NOT bring medicine to the nurse. It must be brought by the parent/guardian. Do not allow your child to bring medication in their pockets/purses/backpacks.

A student with asthma who has written authorization from his or her parent and physician or other licensed health-care provider may be permitted to possess and use prescribed asthma medication at school or school-related events. The student and parents should see the school nurse if the student has been prescribed asthma medication for use during the school day.

Please make an appointment with the nurse to discuss any special situations that may affect your child.

NURSE/CLINIC REFERRALS

If your child becomes ill or injured during school, the teacher will refer him/her to the clinic. Please do not send your child to school if he/she has a fever or is otherwise ill. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. A child who is sent home with a fever may not return to school the next day. The clinic staff will contact the parent if they have concerns or determine that the child needs to be sent home. The person picking the child up from the clinic must sign them out in the school office. Please make sure your child's Student Data Sheet contains current parent and emergency contact information.

Updated health measures may be put into place due to COVID-19 for the 2021-22 school year.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Students and staff at Oppe Elementary are very fortunate to have a very strong and active PTO.

- Board of Directors' meetings are scheduled for the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. Everyone is invited!

Parents and interested community members are invited to attend all PTO meetings. We sincerely hope that you will consider joining our PTO and offer your support by participating in the many activities that are planned throughout the school year.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

To assist your child in identifying his/her school supplies and personal belongings, please label or mark all items with your child's name. Toys, cards, electronic games, dolls, and other items such as these are not permitted at school. Please make sure that these items are left at home.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PARTICIPATION

All students are required to participate in Physical Education classes unless they have a written excuse from the parent or a doctor. The note should be given to the school nurse who will furnish a copy to the P.E. teacher. Physical Education is a state requirement and participation is mandatory. Failure to participate will affect the student's grade. Our goal is to teach children good health habits and to exercise daily. For safety reasons, students should wear appropriate shoes for participation in P.E.

SCHOOL HOURS

Student's Instructional Day: 8:15 - 3:55
Teacher's Work Day: 7:50 - 4:00
School Office Hours: 7:45 - 4:00

SCHOOL PLANNERS

Each student in grades 2nd through 4th is issued a school planner at the beginning of the year at no cost. If this planner is lost, the parent must pay \$5.00 for a replacement.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Options and Requirements For Providing Assistance to Students Who Have Learning Difficulties or Who Need or May Need Special Education

If a child is experiencing learning difficulties, the parent may contact the person listed below to learn about the district's overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links student to a variety of support options, including referral for a special education evaluation. Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, and other academic or behavior support services that are available to all students.

At any time, a parent is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the district must decide if the evaluation is needed. If evaluation is needed, the parent will be notified and asked to provide informed written consent for the evaluation. The district must complete the evaluation and the report within 45 calendar days of the date the district receives the written consent. The district must give a copy of the report to the parent.

If the district determines that the evaluation is not needed, the district will provide the parent with a written notice that explains why the child will not be evaluated. This written notice will include a statement that informs the parent of their rights if they disagree with the district. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the *Notice of Procedural Safeguards - Rights of Parents of Students with Disabilities*.

The designated person to contact regarding options for a child experiencing learning difficulties or a referral for evaluation for special education is:

Contact Person: Alice Prets -Principal

Phone Number: 409 761-6500

District Contact: Jessica Edwards

Phone Number: (409) 766-5188

STUDENT DATA SHEETS

At the beginning of the school year, a Student Data Sheet will be sent home with your child. Please complete and return this information to your child's teacher during the first week of school. This information includes:

- Child's home address and phone number
- Work/cell phone numbers for parents
- Emergency contact numbers if parents cannot be reached
- List of persons authorized to pick your child up from school

It is imperative that the school office has current information. Written notification of changes to this information should be submitted to the school office as soon as possible. This will assist the school in the event of an emergency and help ensure that your child is handled properly and according to your wishes.

TECHNOLOGY

Resources have been invested in technology to enhance instruction and to prepare our students for an increasingly technology-centric society. Use of these resources is restricted for students working under a teacher's supervision and for approved instructional purposes only. Students must comply with the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, GISD Acceptable Use Policy, and Federal and State law.

TEXTBOOKS

State-approved textbooks are provided free of charge. Any student failing to return a book issued by the school loses the right to free textbooks until the book is returned or paid for by the parent. However, the student will be provided textbooks for use at school during the school day.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Student safety is of the utmost importance at our campus. Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by observing Oppe's safety rules during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up:

- Observe the school zone speed and cell phone usage laws.
- Discuss with your child the proper route to take to and from school, along with the importance of reporting directly to school and returning home immediately upon dismissal.
- Do not park, drop off, or pick up your child in the school bus zone.
- Do not park along the curb in front of the building or on the side by Greta's Garden. This blocks the traffic from moving smoothly and backs up the drop off and pick up areas.
- Instruct your child to cross the street only at designated crossing zones.
- The crosswalk in the middle of the front campus driveway is the designated spot for children to cross the driveway area.
- Do not block the crosswalk at any time.
- If you need to leave your car, please do so on the street or parking area across the street by the park.
- Do not exit your car if you are in one of the pull-through lanes.
- Please follow the directions of the traffic officers stationed in the parking lot during arrival and dismissal times. They are there to assist with the safety of your children.

Morning Drop Off: Since school traffic generally causes delays, please allow plenty of time to get your child to school on time and as safely as possible. Parents, please drop off your children in the drive through lanes. (**Make sure they are ready to exit the car as soon as you pull up**). Please be aware of the traffic moving. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT.** This is not a safe place because no one is monitoring the parking lot. Also, the staff parking area must be accessible to our staff. They are unable to park when parents are double parked dropping off children. Dropping them off in the street behind the parking lot is also not safe because, once again, there are no adults to monitor them.

Afternoon Pick Up: Parents, please do not get out of your car to get your child. The safety staff will get them for you. We encourage all children to use the crosswalk and walk down the yellow line to their cars. **Please** do not honk for your child. When this is done children may take off running. This has happened several times and children have come very close to getting hit. **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT TO WALK UP AND GET YOUR CHILD.** Staff members must be able to get out of the parking area due to appointments or meetings but are unable to leave because an abandoned car is in their way.

Remember we are all here for the children and their safety. Working together will help us to keep our students safe. For more information, please read the section titled **DISMISSAL.**

VISITORS

Galveston ISD has installed a video security system in our building to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. The objective of this system is to permit only those who are authorized into our school. The office staff is able to view visitors through a camera system before they enter the building, providing office staff the opportunity to detect potential threats to our schools as early as possible. All visitors must first report to the school office to receive a visitor's pass. To better protect our students, visitors and staff, our campus uses software called V-Soft. V-Soft helps track visitors, students, faculty, contractors, and volunteers at our school, thus providing a safer, more monitored environment for the students. When checking in, you will be asked to present a valid state issued ID for entering into the system. The system has the ability to provide alerts on people who may jeopardize the safety of the campus. We feel certain this will help us keep our campus a little safer and ask for your cooperation in presenting your valid state issued ID when checking in at the school. The school also maintains data concerning custody issues and restraining orders.

Upon leaving the campus, visitors should return to the school office to retrieve their ID.

VOLUNTEERS

Experience and research shows that a child's education succeeds best when there is a strong partnership between home and school. We encourage all Oppe parents to consider becoming a volunteer at our campus. There are many volunteer opportunities through our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and also in the classroom. Parents will have an opportunity to join our PTO at the beginning of the school year; you can also talk with your child's teacher to find out if there are any specific classroom needs.

Galveston ISD requires that all volunteers/chaperones (in any capacity) submit authorization for a criminal background history. Authorization forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year; adults wishing to volunteer should complete and return the forms to the school.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

Please visit the Oppe webpage and Facebook for weekly updates and information concerning your child's classes.

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Greta Oppe Elementary Student Dress Code

PANTS (not leggings)/SHORTS/SKIRTS/JUMPERS: Khaki, black or blue jeans should not have holes or rips and must be logo and decoration free. No cut offs are allowed. They are to be size appropriate and at the child's waist. Skirts, jumpers, skorts, and shorts (no more than two inches above the knee) are an option to pants. Shorts must be worn under skirts, jumpers, and dresses.

SHIRTS & UNDERSHIRTS: Must be either white or royal blue with no emblems, logos, or decorations. Shirts **MUST** have collars and sleeves. Long sleeve shirts worn under short sleeve shirts, as well as undershirts, must only be white or royal blue.

SOCKS/TIGHTS/LEGGINGS: All students are encouraged to wear socks. Socks must be a solid color. Solid colored tights or leggings are allowed under jumpers or skirts only, not shorts.

SHOES: Must have closed toes and closed backs. Tennis shoes are preferred. Students are encouraged to wear non-marking soles to protect the floors. Sandals are not allowed at any time. Shoes with skates are not allowed at school. If a student has an injured foot, a tennis shoe must be worn on the uninjured foot and a sock or sock & sandal may be worn on the injured foot while healing. A note from a parent or doctor is required

SWEATERS, SWEATSHIRTS, and JACKETS: If worn in the building during the school day they **MUST** be white, royal blue, or khaki. They must also be decoration and logo free. Please label with the child's name.

PIERCINGS: The only piercings allowed at school are in the ears. Only **stud** earrings may be worn in the ears. **NO** hoop or dangling earrings may be worn.

Caps, hats, scarves, DECORATIVE-DISTRACTING headbands, sandals, shoes with skates, make-up, artificial fingernails, hoop/dangling earrings, or distracting hair styles/colors are not allowed in the building at any time.

ROLLING BACKPACKS: Due to the lack of space in student lockers/cubbies, rolling backpacks are not allowed.

On Fridays, students can wear Oppe t-shirts. Oppe t-shirts are available for purchase in the front office for \$10.