



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:

- Dress pants, shorts or skirt ***(must be of modest length)*** (skirts of the same length are acceptable), any color, any pattern. *Leggings must be worn under skirts.*
- Skirts are permitted only with leggings underneath.
- Collared shirt or blouse with collar, any color or pattern. 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.
- Any sweater or fleece, any color any pattern. **(no hood)** (optional)
- SSA regulation sweatshirt **(no hood)**
- Dress shoes, closed in front and back, sneakers, boots (no heels over 1½ inches)^{***}
- Belt on pants with loop

****** Open backed clogs are not acceptable – shoes must cover the foot entirely. Straps around the heel are also not acceptable.***

Dress Up Days

Each year the Middle School has Dress Up Days on which students wear formal dress to celebrate certain events, such as the school play or certain assemblies. Such days are indicated on the school calendar, and students get reminders in school.

- Navy blue blazer
- White collared shirt with sleeves
- Neckties for boys
- Khaki pants or skirts (with leggings or tights underneath)
- Dress shoes

**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. 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.
- No cut-off shorts
- Pants should not have holes or distress markings
- Cargo pants (with pockets on the legs) are acceptable, as are cargo shorts or cargo skirts on regular dress days.
- Dress pants and slacks must fit appropriately.
- 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.
- ***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.***
- 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.