



Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School  
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## Oak Grove-Bellemeade 2022-2023 Dress Code

Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School (OGBES) believes that learning is a serious undertaking that should not be distracted from, by matters of dress. OGBES also believes the manner of dress affects student behavior. OGBES has reinstated a mandatory dress code for all students. This dress code was in place prior to the pandemic.

There are many positive reasons for our school dress code, including:

- Dress codes encourage students to express their individuality through personality and academic achievements, not outward appearances.
- Dress codes put the focus on learning, not fashion.
- Schools with dress codes have fewer discipline problems because students are not distracted by other students' clothing.
- Dress codes can be less expensive.
- Dress codes create a sense of school pride and belonging.
- Dress codes allow for outdoor play.

Students are required to wear clothing from the following each day:

### 1. **Bottoms:**

- Must be solid tan/khaki or navy blue long pants, short pants, skirts, skorts or jumpers.
- The hem on the shorts, skirts, skorts or jumpers may not be higher than two inches above the knee.
- Bottoms may be twill, corduroy, wool, cotton/polyester blend or cotton.
- Bottoms must be worn securely at the waist.
- A solid black or brown belt is required if a garment has belt loops and the shirt is tucked in. Kindergarten and first grade students do not have to wear belts.
- Leggings or shorts must be worn under skirts.

### 2. **Tops:**

- Must be solid white long or short-sleeved, collared shirts.
- All shirts must have a collar. Shirts may be knit polo, oxford or woven dress shirts.
- Only OGBES logos are allowed on shirts.
- All shirts with tails must be tucked in.
- Belts are required when shirts are tucked in and the bottoms have belt loops. (Grades 2-5)

### 3. **Sweaters:**

- Must be solid navy blue.
- May be worn during cold weather.
- Can be cotton, wool or knit.



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- A solid white or navy blue collared shirt must be worn underneath sweaters.

#### 4. OGBES T-Shirts:

- Spirit wear t-shirts, House shirts and other OGBES shirts may be worn on Fridays.

#### 5. Hoodies:

- No hoodies will be allowed indoors.
- Hoodies can be worn outside during recess, morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

#### 6. Shoes/socks:

- Shoes must be primarily solid black, navy or brown closed toe rubber soled shoes with backs or solid white or black sneakers.
- **Shoes must be appropriate for PE and outdoor activities including recess and trips to Bellemeade Park.** No platforms, boots or high heels allowed.
- Socks must be solid white, black or navy blue socks.
- Solid white, black or navy blue tights are allowed with skirts, skorts or jumpers.

#### Other uniform rules:

Clothing that is too tight or too loose is not appropriate for school. Winter coats, jackets, hats, gloves and mittens are not to be worn in the classroom. No nail polish, fake nails, makeup or dyed hair is allowed. No one can wear head coverings except for religious or health and safety reasons with the principal's prior knowledge and written consent.





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### **Consequences for Non-Compliance**

Noncompliance interferes with the daily instructional focus and culture of the school.

1. First violation: Parents will receive a warning from his/her teacher. Communication will be documented.
2. Second violation: Parents/guardians are called by the counselor and asked to comply with school policy by bringing the appropriate school uniform clothing to school.
3. Third violation: A mandatory parent conference will be held with the principal or principal's designee.

**PARENTS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE THEY LEAVE HOME TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE DRESSED APPROPRIATELY.**