

Dress Code

Basking Ridge Campus: Upper School & Middle School

The clothing that students choose to wear must be neat and appropriate, reflecting the values of The Pingry School.

Suitable tops include sweaters, button-down or polo-style shirts, turtlenecks, collared shirts, blouses, or t-shirts. All tops should be of appropriate covering for the work engaged in at school. Suitable bottoms include pants (non-athletic, non-sweatpants) or skirts. Before October 1 and after May 1, or with the permission of the Head of School, shorts are also permitted. Alternatively, students may wear dresses. Dresses, skirts, and shorts should be an appropriate length for the work engaged in at school.

- In addition to footwear, students must wear tops with pants, skirts, or opaque leggings, or wear dresses.
- Tops and dresses must have fabric in the front, in the back, and on the sides (under the arms). All tops should meet the waistband of the bottom garment. Clothing must cover undergarments at all times.
- Clothing may not display lettering or large graphic images. The only writing that may appear on clothing is “Pingry” or the name of a college.
- Hats, caps, sweatshirt hoods, and sunglasses may not be worn in the school building. Head coverings worn for religious reasons are permitted.
- Torn or ripped clothing (including jeans) is not permitted.

Students who arrive at school out of Dress Code may be asked to change, receive a warning, and/or face disciplinary consequences. Violations of the below conditions will result in disciplinary consequences.

- Clothing may not use or depict hate speech targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected groups.
- Clothing must not threaten the health or safety of any other student or staff member.
- Clothing may not depict pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
- Clothing may not depict, advertise, or advocate the use of alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances.

Dress Code for Special Occasions

Special occasions include concerts, awards ceremonies, Convocation Day, Career Day, etc. On these days students are asked to wear attire more suitable for the occasion, such as jackets and ties, dress pants, dresses, skirts, dress shirts or blouses, and appropriate footwear. Notification will be made in advance when the Dress Code for Special Occasions will be in effect. Students must remain in formal attire until the end of the academic day unless otherwise determined by the Dean of Students.

Dress Code for Relaxed Dress Code Days

On designated days, students are permitted to dress in more relaxed attire. On Relaxed Dress Code Days, sweatpants, athletic pants, and appropriate graphic t-shirts are permitted. Pajamas, hats, and sunglasses are not permitted.

Short Hills Campus: Lower School

The written Dress Code is designed to support the total educational process at the Lower School. The emphasis of the code is that students should be neat, clean, and safe. Faculty and administration will enforce the Dress Code on a daily basis. Parents are informed if students are not following the guidelines specified in the Dress Code.

Shirts: All shirts must be neat and modest. Dress shirts or collared shirts that button the entire length of the shirt (i.e. oxford-style and flannels) must be tucked in at the waist. Oxford-style, polo-style, and tailored tees, blouses, sweaters, cardigans, turtlenecks, or Pingry-branded sweatshirts are permitted. Casual t-shirts, strapless, spaghetti strapped, tank, halter, crop, or barebacked tops or dresses are not permitted.

Pants: Tailored slacks or pants of corduroy, poplin, twill, wool, khaki, or cotton blends may be worn. Blue jeans, athletic pants, and sweatpants are not permitted.

Shorts: When the weather is warm, shorts are permitted during the months of September, May and June. Shorts of corduroy, poplin, twill, wool, khaki, or cotton blends may be worn. Shorts may be no more than two inches from the top of the kneecap. Board shorts, jean shorts, and swimwear are not permitted.

Skirts: Skirts and dresses must be of appropriate length, and the hem may be no more than two inches above the knee when a student is standing.

Shoes: Students may wear close-toed sneakers or leather shoes of a safe heel height. We also ask that students not wear flip-flops, Crocs, backless shoes, sandals, and

"wheelies sneakers" to school. Although these types of footwear are very popular, they have proven to be a safety issue at school. Footwear must be worn at all times.

Parents should provide their child with an extra pair of sneakers to keep at school for P.E. and recess. Students in Grades 3 through 5 are required to wear a P.E. uniform.

Socks/Hosiery: Socks, stockings, or tights must be worn at all times. Leggings may be worn under skirts and dresses.

Accessories: Hats, caps, and sweatshirt hoods may not be worn at any time in the School building, except on designated Relaxed Dress Days. Head coverings worn for religious observances are permitted.

Except for designated "Relaxed Dress Days," the following items of apparel are prohibited:

- Casual t-shirts
- Denim jeans or shorts
- Athletic pants or sweatpants
- Frayed or cutoff clothing

Dress Code for Special Occasions

Special occasions which include concerts, awards ceremonies, etc. may require more uniform attire from the student body. On these occasions, students may be asked to wear more formal attire such as jackets and ties, dress pants, skirts, shirts or blouses, dresses, and dress shoes. Notification will be made in advance for when the Dress Code for special occasions will be in effect.

Clothing Identification

Parents are urged to mark all students' personal belongings. Nametags or indelible inks are useful in making identification marks.