

## Shady Side Academy Middle School Dress Code 2023-2024

### Rationale

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.

### Tops

- Collared shirts, including:
  - Polo shirts
  - Golf shirts
  - Turtlenecks
  - Mocknecks
  - Collared sweaters
- Shirts must fully cover the stomach at all times through a full range of motion (when arms are raised, etc.)

### Bottoms

- Dress pants, shorts, skorts, or skirts, limited to the following:
  - Khaki
  - Wool
  - Corduroy
  - Linen
  - Colored denim (not blue)
- Short, skort, and skirt length should be closer to knees than hips. Skirts must be worn with leggings, tights, or shorts underneath (skorts excluded).
- Leggings (or yoga pants) may be worn **under** skirts or dresses, but not on their own.

### Warm Layers

Permitted layers, to be worn **over** a collared shirt:

- SSA regulation sweatshirt
- Sweater or sweatshirt, as long as the logo is smaller than a fist
- Half-zip or full-zip fleece
- Vests

Not permitted:

- Outdoor coats and jackets may not be worn during the school day
- Hoodies may only be worn on Dress Down Days

### Shoes

Permitted:

- Closed-toe shoes that cover the entire foot

Not Permitted:

- Open-back shoes, including:
  - Crocs, clogs, slippers, or sliders

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sneakers</li> <li>● Boots</li> <li>● Heels of fewer than 1.5 inches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Back-strap shoes</li> <li>○ Flip-flops</li> <li>● Heels higher than 1.5 inches</li> </ul>
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<b>General</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clothing may not feature rips or slits</li> <li>● Clothing must cover all undergarments</li> <li>● Shoulders, stomachs, lower backs, and bottoms should be covered at all times</li> <li>● Clothing may not feature images or messages related to politics, alcohol, or drugs</li> <li>● Hats, hoodies, leggings, and blue denim may only be worn on Dress Down Days</li> <li>● Backless shoes are a safety concern and are not permitted at any time</li> </ul>

<b>Dress Up Days</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Navy blazer</li> <li>● White button-down shirt with tie or collared blouse with sleeves</li> <li>● Tan dress khakis (pants or skirt)</li> <li>● Dress shoes are optional</li> </ul>

<b>Dress Down Days</b>	
<b>Permitted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hoodies</li> <li>● Leggings/yoga pants</li> <li>● Athletic shorts and pants</li> <li>● Sweatshirts</li> <li>● Sweatpants</li> <li>● Jeans</li> <li>● Hats</li> </ul>	<b>Not Permitted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ripped clothing</li> <li>● Tank tops</li> <li>● Sleeveless shirts</li> <li>● Cropped tops</li> <li>● Backless shoes, including Crocs, sliders, and slippers</li> </ul>