

DRESS CODE

Preschool and Lower School adheres to a dress code that meets the needs of all children. All children are expected to dress appropriately for a scholarly environment where we focus on growing as learners, leaders, and citizens. Children are expected to follow the letter and spirit of the dress code policy.

Children do not wear uniforms in prekindergarten, junior kindergarten, and kindergarten. They are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and footwear which are appropriate for active play and involvement in creative art and movement activities. Closed-heel and closed-toe shoes in good repair. Heels or soles on shoes should be less than 1 inch. Shorts or tights under dresses must be worn.

Grades 1 - 4 Children are to arrive and depart school in uniform. Children will be in uniform for all field trips unless indicated by the classroom teacher.

Uniform Suppliers: Dress code items can be purchased at any suppliers if they adhere to USM guidelines. USM jumpers can only be purchased through this supplier:

Lands' End (item number 065009 in classic navy/evergreen plaid)

Preferred School Number: 9000-4414-0

<http://tinyurl.com/q4vgygx>

Lower School Formal Uniform (Grades 1 – 4)

(Performances or Programs)

Children should wear white uniform tops, and Khaki bottoms (skorts, no shorter than 4" above the knee), along with socks and dress or athletic shoes.

Lower School Summer Uniform (Grades 1 – 4)

(First day of school until mid-October; May 1 until end of school year)

Dress shorts/skorts of navy or khaki, no shorter than 4" above the knee, may be worn for summer uniform. The exact date to begin the regular dress code will be determined based on the date of Homecoming and weather predictions.

Regular Dress Code Requirements

- TOPS:** Polo, Oxford, in long or short sleeves with a minimal logo and long enough to be tucked in. Solid colors of navy, white, yellow, or dark green.
- Cardigans, USM Fleece, or sweater vest. Must be worn over an acceptable uniform shirt.
- Shirts are to be tucked in while at school.
- Please note that you have available to you the ¼ zip fleece from the USM Boosters. Contact the Parents' Association at 414.540.3540.
- BOTTOMS:** Dress or corduroy pants with set-in waistband or elastic waist. Pants must not be of the jean variety, cargo, athletic or sweat pants. Elastic at the ankle or drawstring waists are not acceptable. Solid colors of navy or khaki. Solid black or brown leather belt must be worn with any pants or shorts with belt loops.
- SHOES:** Athletic shoes of any color and dress shoes in solid colors of black, brown, or navy are acceptable. Closed-heel and closed-toe shoes in good repair. Platform shoes, sandals, clogs, or moccasins are not allowed. Heels may not be higher than one inch.
- Black, navy or white ankle length or higher socks must be worn. Ankle length or footed leggings or tights may be worn.
- ACCESSORIES:**
- Hats or head coverings may be worn inside during school for medical or religious reasons.
- Solid color masks are preferred.
- JUMPERS:** Blackwatch plaid, A-line or pleated jumper in good repair with all buttons in place may be worn. Black or navy shorts, tights or leggings are recommended to be worn under jumpers. Colors: Blackwatch plaid only.
- WINTER:** Winter coat, snow pants, hat, mittens or gloves, and waterproof boots are required.

Uniform Examples:



WILDCAT WEDNESDAYS

Children can wear clothing featuring the USM name or logo, including but not limited to USM-branded clothing purchased from the School Store or provided to children through extra-curricular activities, USM athletic apparel, and other garments that feature the USM name or logo. Children may also wear USM colors on these days.

OUT-OF-DRESS-CODE DAYS

Periodically, children may participate in out-of-dress-code days for special occasions. Children who choose not to participate must be in Dress Code.

The following are examples of clothing inappropriate for school on Wildcat Wednesdays or Out-of-Dress Code days:

- Shorts, skorts, or skirts that are too tight or too short
- Clothing with offensive language, pictures, or symbols references;
- Spaghetti straps, low-cut or revealing tops, or crop tops;
- Flip-flops, clogs, backless sandals, heels higher than 1 inch or athletic sandals;
- Caps, hats, or other non-religious head coverings are not permitted in the Dining Room or the Theater.

Masquerade March: All children wear their costumes to school for the Masquerade March. Children who stay all day in PK and JK, as well as kindergarten should bring a change of clothes. First grade – fourth grade children should bring their uniform to change into after the morning program. If a child has an inappropriate costume, they will be asked to change clothes.