

2023-24 Upper School Dress Code

In keeping with the traditions and high standards of University School and in accordance with the Common Trust, students dress in a unified manner that helps create a shared experience.

Throughout the school year, students have Blazer Days where all students are required to wear a navy-blue blazer as their third piece in addition to Regular Dress Code Requirements.

Summer Dress Code begins on the second day of school and continues until Regular Dress Code begins in early October. Summer Dress Code resumes in early May.

Regular Dress Code Requirements

SHIRTS	<i>White Button Down</i> An opaque, white button down, long sleeve shirt with a collar. Shirts must be tucked in. Seniors may wear any <u>solid color</u> , opaque button down, long sleeve shirts with a collar.
BOTTOMS	<i>Pants</i> Khaki pants in good repair. No denim or corduroy pants. <i>Skirts</i> Khaki color skirts. Mini-skirts are <u>not</u> allowed; skirt length should be mid-thigh. It is expected that undergarments are not visible. When wearing skirts, it is highly recommended that solid tights or leggings in good repair without patterns or designs be worn.
THIRD PIECE	<i>Navy Blue Blazer</i> A blazer is defined as a waist length jacket with lapels and buttons down the front. Denim and leather jackets are not permitted.

	<p>or</p> <p><i>Non-Blazer*</i> Any solid color, <u>vendor-purchased</u> sweater, vest, or fleece with USM embroidered logo. If a student wishes to wear a non-blazer third piece, then it must be purchased from an approved USM vendor. It must have an embroidered USM logo added by the vendor at time of purchase.</p> <p><u>Flynn O’Hara</u> <u>Tommy Hilfiger</u> <u>Land’s End</u></p> <p>USM Booster tops are also acceptable.</p> <p>USM athletic team uniform pieces are not permitted, and do not count as a required third piece.</p>
ACCESSORIES	<p><i>Belts</i> Wear any belt in good repair, if the dress code bottom has belt loops.</p> <p><i>Ties</i> A necktie or bow tie in good repair is required for those who identify as male.</p> <p><i>Shoes</i> Athletic shoes in good repair. No sandals, open-toed shoes, slippers, or outdoor boots.</p> <p><i>Outdoor Coats</i> Students are <u>not</u> permitted to wear jackets or outerwear in the building.</p> <p><i>Headwear</i> Hats are <u>not</u> permitted, including on House Days and out-of-dress days.</p>

SUMMER DRESS CODE

White polo shirts, and white button-down shirts with either khaki pants, khaki shorts or khaki capri pants are permitted only during the Summer Dress Code. Seniors may wear any solid color polo shirt.

Athletic shorts, Cargo shorts, distressed shorts, and examples pictured below are not permitted. Third pieces and ties are not required for Summer Dress Code. However, if you choose to wear them they must conform to our Regular Dress Code.

Acceptable Shorts



Not Acceptable Shorts



OUT-OF-DRESS-CODE DAYS

Periodically, students may be out-of-dress-code for certain occasions, including Wildcat Wednesday and House Dress Days. Students who choose not to participate, must be in dress code.

Guidelines:

- Clothing with alcohol, drug, violence, profanity, or sexual references is prohibited.
- Neither hats nor hoods are permitted on out-of-dress days or House Days.
- No crop tops, mesh, or sheer clothing is permitted.

WILDCAT WEDNESDAYS

Wildcat Wednesdays are USM spirit days that occur the first Wednesday of each month. Students must wear USM spirit wear, blue and gold colors, or follow the dress code.

HOUSE DRESS DAYS

House Dress Days promote the USM House Program and its efforts to build community. Students must wear a plainly visible House tee-shirt or hoodie. Hats are not permitted on House Dress Days. If a student chooses not to participate in the House Dress Day, the student must be in dress code.

Dress Code Violations and Detentions

If a student is out of Dress Code, the student may receive a dress code violation from a teacher, staff member, class dean, or administrator. Violations are tracked on myUSM, and when a student receives three violations in a semester, the student will serve an after-school detention. A student will serve a detention for each subsequent Dress Code violation past three.

Our philosophy encourages in-person conversations between the reporting adult and student whenever possible before violations are submitted to myUSM.