



## Lower School Dress Code

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The student dress code contributes positively to the daily school environment. The dress code reflects the school climate of engagement in learning and a relaxed atmosphere. Lower School clothing allows for ease of movement in all of the types of learning environments that we provide. Modifications will be made as the activity warrants.

### 1st through 4th Grade:

#### Clothing permitted:

- Dress shorts of appropriate length- we suggest “beyond fingertip length” (August-October, April, and May)
- Skirts and dresses (must cover the entire bottom when sitting and bending)
- Slacks, pants, and capris
- leggings or legging-type pants (**can only be worn with a skirt, dress, or shirt that covers the full bottom**)
- Button-down shirts and blouses
- Turtlenecks, sweaters, fleece
- Collared or knit shirts
- Sayre logo t-shirts and sweatshirts
- Shirts with a jewel neck or a banded collar designed as part of a matching set
- Tennis shoes, dress shoes (no high heels), sandals with a back strap, or any well-kept casual shoes

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#### Clothing NOT permitted:

- Any clothing with words or lettering (other than Sayre School)
- Backless, low-cut, or see-through clothing
- Shirts that do not cover the midriff
- Athletic apparel and sweats
- Tank tops with spaghetti straps
- Short skirts, dresses, or shorts
- Jeans and Denim (of any kind)
- Camouflage attire
- Shoes without a back, flip-flops, or shoes with wheels
- Hats, hoods, and sunglasses in the building

## **Special Program Dress:**

We have a few Special Dress days in the Lower School each year. Special Program Dress Code begins in First Grade and includes dresses, skirts, blouses, dressy pants, and outfits of any color, pattern, or dress shirt and pants. Dress jackets are optional. (Please note: If this is a PE day for your child, they must also bring PE clothes, sneakers, and/or appropriate shoes for recess.) Everyday shoes are acceptable.

## **Sayre Spirit Days:**

Every Friday is Spirit Day, as well as a handful of other special days (For example, Founder's Day). Students may wear jeans and a Sayre T-shirt or school colors these days. Sayre logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, and Sayre team athletic shirts are always appropriate to show Sayre's spirit. Denim is permitted on these days.

## **Dress Code Infractions:**

If a student is not in compliance with the dress code, the classroom teacher will inform the office, and either Mrs. Neistat or Mrs. Stiles will reach out to the parent as a reminder. If it happens a second time, we will call the parent and ask that the student have an extra set of clothes at school. If an ongoing problem arises related to a child's clothing, a parent conference may be scheduled with the Head of the Lower School to develop a plan for resolving the issue.

Our goal is not to "call out" the students or have them feel any sort of shame. We will work with the family to ensure that a student's dignity and privacy is maintained.

## **Kindergarten and Preschool**

Our days in preschool and kindergarten are very busy and involve a lot of movement and hands-on activities. Your child should come dressed in comfortable, easily washable clothing that allows them to engage fully in indoor and outdoor activities. Your child's clothing may be exposed to paint, glue, markers, dirt, and other fun, tactile materials, so please do not send your child in clothes that are "special" or need to be kept clean. Ensure that your child can easily wash and manage clothes in the bathroom without assistance. Children must wear comfortable shoes that stay securely on their feet for safety reasons. **All shoes must have "backs"; No flip-flops, clogs, or open-backed shoes of any kind.**

**Please be sure to dress your children appropriately for the weather. Outdoor play is an essential component of our program, and we will be going outside daily, weather permitting.**

**At all ages, please label all clothing with your child's name!**