

## Dress Code

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The faculty and student dress code contributes positively to the daily school environment. The dress code reflects the school climate and community standards: one of studious engagement in a friendly and purposeful atmosphere. Guidelines for dress code and student attire align with Sayre's mission as an inclusive academic institution that cultivates integrity. We believe in giving students a range of clothing options to participate in the academic day and utilize our campus. Dress code guidelines also allow flexibility for grade level, personal preferences, and cultural backgrounds. Although we serve students across a broad range of ages and the dress code may vary across the academic divisions, we expect each student to dress appropriately for school. In all cases, the Sayre dress code comes with the expectation that student attire upholds a level of decorum that represents our school community.

Based on this philosophy, we expect students to wear attire and footwear that is:

- Clean
- In good repair
- Respectful of the school community standards

### Special Guidelines

**Spirit Days:** On Fridays or other noted "Spirit Days," students are encouraged to wear Sayre gear/school colors or be in regular dress code.

**Special Program Dress Code:** On some occasions, a more formal dress code is required, which includes a sport coat, dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, skirts with appropriate tops, pantsuits, or dresses, and appropriate formal footwear (no flip-flops, etc.). Students will be notified in advance of these occasions.

**Division or Class-Specific Events:** If a class or division decides to have a themed day (e.g., pajama day), teachers or division heads will provide guidelines for what students are allowed to wear.

For division-specific guidelines, see the following pages. Dress code decisions are made at the discretion of the division.

## Preschool and Kindergarten

<p>What to Wear:</p> <p>All clothing in preschool and kindergarten should be able to be played in, get dirty, and be accessible for easy bathroom use. Shoes should be weather-appropriate and play-appropriate.</p>	<p>What <b>Not</b> to Wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “Fancy” clothes (items you do not want getting dirty)</li> <li>● Necklaces</li> <li>● Shoes with open toes or no back</li> <li>● Shirts or sweatshirts with “cords” such as a hoodie</li> <li>● Make-up of any kind</li> </ul>
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## Lower School and Fifth Grade

<p>What to Wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Tops:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ T-shirts</li> <li>○ Collared shirts: Polos, button-down shirts, etc.</li> <li>○ Blouses</li> <li>○ Sweatshirts</li> <li>○ Quarter-zips</li> <li>○ Sweaters</li> <li>○ Fleeces</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Bottoms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jeans</li> <li>○ Khakis</li> <li>○ Capris</li> <li>○ Shorts</li> <li>○ Leggings</li> <li>○ Dresses</li> <li>○ Skirts</li> <li>○ Joggers (not made of sweatpant material)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dresses</li> <li>○ Rompers</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Shoes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tennis shoes</li> <li>○ Sandals (must have a back)</li> <li>○ Boots</li> <li>○ Other well-kept casual shoes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What <b>Not</b> to Wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>General:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clothing with alcohol, drugs, gun logos, or generally offensive graphics/text</li> <li>○ Hats or sunglasses in class</li> <li>○ Ripped / distressed clothing (including cut-off shorts)</li> <li>○ Exposure of undergarments or see-through clothing</li> <li>○ Any extremes of clothing that do not align with general school propriety</li> <li>○ Make-up of any kind</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Tops:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clothing that exposes the midriff</li> <li>○ Sleeveless, backless, or low-cut tops.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Bottoms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pajama pants, sweatpants/sweatpant material (including joggers)</li> <li>○ Athletic shorts or athletic-style skirts</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Shoes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Slippers</li> <li>○ High Heels</li> <li>○ Flip Flops</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## Middle School (6th-8th)

### 5th Grade Follows the Lower School

What to Wear:	What <b>Not</b> to Wear:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Tops:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ T-shirts</li> <li>○ Collared shirts: Polos, button-down shirts, etc.</li> <li>○ Blouses</li> <li>○ Sweatshirts</li> <li>○ Quarter-zips</li> <li>○ Sweaters</li> <li>○ Fleece</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Bottoms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jeans</li> <li>○ Khakis</li> <li>○ Capris</li> <li>○ Dress shorts</li> <li>○ Leggings</li> <li>○ Dresses</li> <li>○ Skirts (including athletic skirts)</li> <li>○ Joggers (not made of sweatpant material)</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Shoes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tennis shoes</li> <li>○ Sandals/Flip-flops</li> <li>○ Slides</li> <li>○ Other well-kept casual shoes</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>PE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students wear a uniform for PE. If PE is the first hour, they may come dressed in the uniform or leave in PE clothing if it is the last hour.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>General:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clothing with alcohol, drugs, gun logos, or generally offensive graphics/text</li> <li>○ Hats or sunglasses are not allowed in the building</li> <li>○ Ripped / distressed clothing (including cut-off shorts)</li> <li>○ Exposure of undergarments or see-through clothing</li> <li>○ Headphones, in-ear or over-ear, are only allowed at the teacher's instruction and in classrooms.</li> <li>○ Any extremes of clothing that do not align with general school propriety</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Tops:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clothing that exposes the midriff</li> <li>○ Sleeveless, backless, or low-cut tops</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Bottoms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pajama pants, sweatpants/sweatpant material (including joggers)</li> <li>○ Athletic shorts (e.g., basketball shorts, mesh shorts, running shorts)</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● <b>Shoes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Slippers</li> <li>○ High heels (high heels 2" or lower are permitted on special dress days only)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Upper School (9th-12th)

### What to Wear:

- **Tops:**
  - T-shirts
  - Collared shirts: Polos, button-down shirts, etc.
  - Blouses
  - Sweatshirts
  - Quarter-zips
  - Sweaters
  - Fleeeces
- **Bottoms:**
  - Jeans
  - Khakis
  - Capris
  - Dress shorts
  - Leggings
  - Dresses
  - Skirts (including athletic skirts)
  - Joggers (not made of sweatpant material)
- **Shoes:**
  - Tennis shoes
  - Sandals/Flip-flops
  - Slides
  - Boots
  - Other well-kept casual shoes

### What **Not** to Wear:

- **General:**
  - Clothing with alcohol, drugs, gun logos, or generally offensive graphics/text
  - Hats or sunglasses are not allowed in the building
  - Ripped / distressed clothing (including cut-off shorts)
  - Exposure of undergarments or see-through clothing
  - Headphones, in-ear or over-ear, are only allowed at the teacher's instruction and in classrooms and study halls. Over-ear headphones should be stowed and not worn around the neck or head.
  - Any extremes of clothing that do not align with general school propriety
- **Tops:**
  - Clothing that exposes the midriff
  - Sleeveless, backless, or low-cut tops
- **Bottoms:**
  - Pajama pants, sweatpants/sweatpant material (including joggers made of sweatpant material)
  - Athletic shorts (e.g., basketball shorts, mesh shorts, running shorts)
- **Shoes:**
  - Slippers