

## 2026 - 2027 Dress Code

At Sayre School, our attire reflects a community dedicated to integrity, inclusivity, and studious engagement. We believe that school is a unique environment for learning and community-building; consequently, student dress should mirror the purposeful nature of our academic day while allowing for personal comfort and expression.

Our guidelines provide clear expectations through both prescriptive and proscriptive standards, ensuring a level of decorum appropriate for our campus. The inclusion of Sayre-branded apparel promotes school spirit and strengthens our collective sense of community. While additional guidance is tailored to be developmentally appropriate for each division, the following school-wide standards serve as the foundation for all students.

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### School-Wide "What to Wear"

These items are generally acceptable for all students, provided they are clean and in good repair: [See division-specific information for additional guidance.](#)

- **Tops:** Tops must be without words, graphics, or large logos unless Sayre-branded. The following tops are generally acceptable in all divisions:
  - Sayre-branded T-shirts
  - Collared shirts (polos, button-downs)
  - Blouses
  - Sweatshirts, quarter-zips, sweaters, and fleeces
- **Bottoms:**
  - Jeans
  - Khakis/chinos (any color)
  - Capris
  - Dress shorts
  - Dresses, rompers, and skirts
- **Shoes:**
  - Tennis shoes
  - Sandals
  - Boots
  - Other well-kept casual shoes
- **General Standard:**
  - All attire must be respectful of school community standards and represent a level of decorum appropriate for a learning environment.

## **School-Wide "What Not to Wear"**

The items below are prohibited to maintain community standards. In addition to what is listed, any extremes of clothing that do not align with general school propriety are prohibited.

[See division-specific information for additional guidance.](#)

- **Words, Graphics, and Camouflage:**
  - Clothing featuring words, graphics, or large logos
  - Camouflage
- **Condition/Fit:**
  - Ripped or distressed clothing (including cut-off shorts)
  - Any attire that allows the exposure of undergarments or is see-through
- **Tops:**
  - Non-Sayre t-shirts are prohibited in Middle and Upper Schools
  - Any clothing that exposes the midriff
  - Backless, off-shoulder, or low-cut tops
  - Tops with straps less than 3 fingers wide, including strapless tops
- **Bottoms:**
  - Pajama pants
  - Sweatpants
  - Joggers
  - Athletic bottoms (including athletic shorts and skirts)
  - Bottoms that do not reach mid-thigh or below, unless leggings are also worn
  - Leggings, unless worn under shorts or dresses
- **Footwear:**
  - Slippers
  - Rubber shoes (such as Crocs or similar styles)
  - Slides and flip flops
- **Accessories:**
  - Hats and sunglasses are prohibited indoors.
- **Electronics:**
  - Headphones, in-ear or over-ear, are prohibited indoors unless a teacher specifically instructs their use during class. Over-ear headphones may not be worn around the neck or head when not in use.
  - Smart glasses are prohibited on campus.
  - Smart watches are prohibited in Lower and Middle Schools.

## **Special Guidelines**

**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. 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.

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## **Additional Guidelines for Preschool through Grade 12**

Dress code decisions are made at the discretion of the division.

### **Preschool and Kindergarten:**

All clothing in preschool and kindergarten should be able to be played in, get dirty, and be accessible for easy bathroom use. Students are permitted to wear non-Sayre t-shirts, provided any words and/or graphics are respectful of school community standards. Leggings or shorts should be worn with skirts and dresses. Shoes should be weather and play-appropriate.

For practical and safety reasons, the following should not be worn:

- “Fancy” clothes (items you do not want getting dirty)
- Necklaces
- Shoes with open toes or no back, high heels
- Shirts or sweatshirts with “cords”, such as a hoodie
- Make-up of any kind

### **Lower School (Grades 1-4):**

Students in grades 1-4 are permitted to wear non-Sayre t-shirts, provided they do not feature words or graphics.

For their safety, students in these grades are prohibited from wearing high heels. Make-up is prohibited.

### **Middle School:**

Students in grades 5-8 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.

Students in grades 5-8 may wear high heels on special dress days only. Heels must be 2” or lower.

### **Upper School:**

As a senior privilege, students in grade 12 may wear college t-shirts.