



NOTABLE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL HANDBOOK REVISIONS

2026-2027 SchoolYear

Please review the following updates carefully. These revisions are intended to clarify attendance, return-to-school, and dress code expectations for Middle and Upper School students.

ABSENCES

For a long-term absence of **three or more days** resulting from an extenuating medical condition that may affect a student's number of absences or tardies, documentation from a physician must be submitted to both the **school nurse** and the **School Director** within **one school week**.

RETURN-TO-SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR ILLNESS

Students must be **fever-free and vomit-free for at least 24 hours**, without the use of fever-reducing medication, before returning to campus. All symptoms must be improving. Upon returning to school, students must provide the school nurse with documentation related to the medical absence.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to be neat and well-groomed at all times while on campus and when representing Deerfield-Windsor School off campus. Clothing must be in good condition and may not include patches or holes that expose skin, tears, excessive fraying, or excessive distressing. Clothing must also be free of writing, messages, or advertisements; only **DWS and college-branded outerwear** is permitted.

The following are prohibited: military uniforms, hunting attire, extreme clothing or hairstyles/hair colors, athletic shorts, sweatpants, joggers, visible tattoos, and body piercings, including but not limited to excessive ear piercings and nose piercings. Hats and hoods may not be worn inside school buildings. Undergarments must not be visible.

FOOTWEAR GUIDELINES

DressCodeClarification

Rubber footwear is prohibited. This includes Crocs, rubber slides, and flip-flops. Students should wear appropriate leather, suede, fabric, or other non-rubber shoes that are suitable for the school day.

APPROPRIATE SHOES



Examples include sandals with secure straps, leather slides, and closed-toe casual shoes made from non-rubber materials.

PROHIBITED SHOES



Crocs, rubber slides, flip-flops, and similar rubber footwear may not be worn.

Reminder: These examples are intended as a visual guide and are not an exhaustive list. School administrators may determine whether a particular item complies with the spirit and intent of the dress code.

Please refer to the complete 2026-2027 Middle/Upper School Handbook for all policies and expectations.