



DRESS CODE AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms alleviate a variety of modesty, social, and socio-economic issues that can arise in an educational environment. Students are therefore asked to wear the approved school uniform and to follow the dress code. Students should be dressed in their approved school uniform whenever they are on campus and during school hours. The Academy will be sure to inform parents whenever there are exceptions to this (ie. during a special event or an after-school activity).

Uniform Shirts

One complimentary uniform shirt is being generously provided by [Creative Promotions](#) to each student, and families can purchase additional shirts from Creative Promotions at the school. In order to ensure uniformity and to keep things simple for students and families, these are the only shirts that students are allowed to wear. We ask that shirts be tucked into pants, shorts, and skorts at all times to keep things neat and tidy. Please stop by the office to look at samples and find the right fit for your child.

Uniform Bottoms

- Pants, shorts, and skorts need to be **solid navy blue or light khaki** in Docker or Chino style material. **Please see the office for samples and suggestions on where to purchase.*
- Pants must be uniform or dress pants, in Docker or Chino style (no jeggings, leggings, or stretch pants).
- Shorts must be uniform or dress shorts, in Docker or Chino style, no shorter than 3 inches from the kneecap (Bermuda or walking shorts, no athletic or stretch shorts).
- Girls may also wear skorts. Skorts need to be designated as “uniform” skorts and of modest length at no shorter than 4 inches above the knee (no active or casual skirts/skorts).
- Bottoms should have no holes or frays and should not be overly worn. Pants and shorts that are loose around the waist should be held up by a dress belt.
- Bottoms should fit the child appropriately and comfortably, and not be too large or too small.

Outerwear

- Solid colored navy, white, or gray cardigan sweaters, zippered sweatshirts, or button up jackets are approved outerwear and may be worn in the classroom.
- Hats are not allowed in the building, unless there is a special occasion.
- In the winter, heavy coats may be worn outside; however, heavy coats cannot be worn inside the classroom because they can interfere with learning.

Footwear

- Full-time kindergarten students should wear shoes that are appropriate for P.E. classes, so that they can comfortably participate in the activities.
- Girls may wear solid white, navy, or gray socks and tights.
- Boys may wear solid white, navy, or gray socks.
- Prohibited footwear includes: flip-flops, slippers, loose shoes, or anything that appears unsafe.

Grooming and Modesty

We ask that students be properly groomed and have modest accessories, in order to ensure an optimal learning environment without interference or distraction.

- Hair is to be neat, clean, and out of the eyes.
- Boy's hair length should be cut above mid-collar.
- Unkempt and shaggy hair is not permitted.
- Hair must be a natural color (no pink, purple, blue, etc.)
- Extreme haircuts, such as mohawks, are not allowed.
- Only girls may have pierced ears and wear fingernail polish.
- Girl's jewelry should be modest and age-appropriate.
- Girls may not wear makeup or have fake fingernails.

Consequences:

Ultimately, we want what's best for all of our students. School personnel may therefore use discretion in determining a dress-code violation. In the end, it is a parent's job to help their child adhere to the dress code and meet the school's expectations. If a child is coming to school without the appropriate clothing or if they are not well-groomed, the following steps will be taken:

1. The Principal or someone in the office will talk with the student and see if the situation can be remedied with a loaned uniform or by making a modification. Parents will also be notified, so that they can help their child at home.
2. If the problem persists, we will ask the parent to come to the school and help remedy the situation, either by bringing a change of clothes, or by helping their child to meet the grooming expectations.
3. If the student continues to struggle, a parent conference will be scheduled so that we can find out what might be preventing everyone from meeting the expectations and then come up with a solution.