

Upper School Dress Code 2011 – 2012

Clothing reflects the culture of the school. A dress code reminds students that school is a serious working environment. Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a way that reflects standards of **neatness, modesty, and appropriateness for school**. Overly casual or revealing clothing not only distracts from academics, but is inconsiderate of other people's sensibilities. The dress code is in effect from 8:00 am until the end of the academic day, even if students are out-of-doors. If you are in doubt as to whether a particular garment is acceptable or not, **ask before you wear it**. **Extremes** in fashion, hairstyle, and hair color are unacceptable.

Below are guidelines for all Upper School students to observe. The interpretation of these guidelines will at all times remain in the hands of the Dean of Students and the Upper School Director.

Men

A collared shirt that is firmly **tucked in** at the waist and buttoned to the second button. A collared sweater may also be worn.

Trousers, slacks, or shorts of appropriate length (September until Homecoming; April 1- The End of the School Year)

Slacks with belt loops must be worn with a belt.

Blazers, sport coats, sweaters and official Highland sweatshirts or windbreakers **must be worn with a collared shirt**.

Face must be clean-shaven.

Women

A collared shirt or blouse must be worn at all times. Sleeveless shirts and blouses are not allowed. Girls must always wear a collar. **The only exception to this rule applies to dresses on dress up day**.

Girls' blouses and shirts that are not designed to be tucked in must cover the waistband. Midriffs must not be exposed.

Trousers, slacks, or shorts of appropriate length (September until Homecoming; April 1- The End of the School Year).

Slacks with belt loops must be worn with a belt.

Dresses with sleeves and collars, skirts, and jumpers must be two inches above the knee while standing straight up.

Both Men and Women

Clothes, which comply with the dress code, may be of any color or fabric except denim or mesh.

Sweaters, sweatshirts, fleece vests, jackets, or windbreakers may be worn only with a clearly visible collared shirt or blouse underneath.

All clothes must be neat, clean, and **WITHOUT HOLES**, even on dress down days.

Shoes

Shoes must be well structured with either full covering in the front or supportive straps in the back.

Casual shoes and athletic shoes are appropriate.

All shoes must be neat and clean and without holes or tears.

Slippers or flip flops of **any kind** are not permitted.

Shorts

(September until Homecoming; April 1- The End of the School Year): Tailored, knee-length, Bermuda-style shorts or capris. Shorts and capris with belt loops must be worn with a belt.

Hair

Hair should be neatly groomed, and longer hair should not impede eye contact.

Here is a Short List of What is NOT PERMITTED

- Hats, caps or bandannas in the building.
- Pajamas or clothes resembling underwear.
- Visible body piercing other than ears.
- Bare midriff or midriff visible when arms are lifted above the head.
- Cleavage, bare shoulders, or strapless shirts, dresses, or blouses.
- Tank tops or t-shirts.
- Sheer fabrics, denim, or mesh.
- Cargo, carpenter-style pants and pants made to be zipped apart.
- Sweat or athletic pants or shorts.
- Slippers or flip flops of **any kind**.

Dress Down Days

Men and women: The following exceptions to standard dress are allowed: Denim, sweat pants, knee-length shorts, t-shirts, hoodies, flip flops, and casual sandals.

Dress-Up Days

On dress-up days and other special occasions students are asked to dress in more formal attire.

Men: Shirts with a tie and dress pants with a sport jacket or blazer and dress shoes with socks. Jackets must be worn all day.

Women: Dresses, dress code shirts with skirts, dress slacks with blazer, or suits in a formal style and dress shoes.

Disciplinary Action: Students are subject to disciplinary action for not adhering to the dress code.

Students who are in egregious violation of the dress code will be given two options: acquiring a change of clothes from home or wearing appropriate clothing from the Dean's Office.

The first time a student is out of dress code, parents will be notified.

The second time a student is out of dress code, he/she will lose lunch privileges.

The third time a student is out of dress code, he/she will receive a detention.

Compliance with the Dress Code will be the final decision of the Dean of Students.