



DRESS CODE 2009-2010 FOR GRADES 6-12

(THIS DRESS CODE IS EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND DURING EXAM DAYS)

The basic responsibility for the appearance of the students of OPS rests with the parents and the students themselves. Students must be well-groomed at all times. Student's clothing and hair should be neat and clean. Clothing and appearance that disrupt the educational process by drawing attention to the wearer will not be allowed. Our goal is to make sure our students realize there are traditional and expected standards of dress for particular institutions, circumstances, and occasions, and they should distinguish suitable attire for each. Choosing appropriate clothes is part of the responsibility and decision-making incorporated in an educational institution. Every effort will be made to enforce the dress standards across the board and to be as fair as possible to everyone. **This dress code is effective on the first day of school and during exam days.** For your information, the following guidelines must be followed.

1. No vulgar, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate symbols, language, art, or wording will be permitted on clothing. Any endorsement of any alcoholic beverage or tobacco products will not be permitted on clothing.
2. Skirts, blouses, dresses, and shorts are expected to be modest, not provocative, and the length should be in the knee area.
3. Boys' shirt tails (including T-shirts) must be tucked in.
4. Tight, torn, ragged, or frayed pants, skirts, or jeans are not acceptable. Pants, skirts, and jeans must be worn at the normal waistline. **Boys must wear belts.**
5. No leggings allowed except with a skirt, dress, or long top.
6. All clothing must be neat, fit properly and be in good taste.
7. Special dress or costume may be worn for special occasions when approved by the administration. Attire must be in keeping with the dress code.
8. Hats or caps must not be worn in the buildings at any time except on special dress days.
9. Shoes with skates, cleats, or army-style boots are not deemed proper.
10. Boys' hair must be neatly combed and clean. Bushy hairstyles are not acceptable. Boys' hair must be off the collar, above the ear lobe, and above the eyebrows. Appropriateness will be determined by the administration.
11. Boys side burns will not exceed the lower lobe of their ears.
12. Beards, moustaches, and goatees are not allowed. **Boys must be clean shaven.**
13. Unnatural hair colors or hair styles are not allowed. (i.e. bushy hair or dreadlocks)
14. Girls are allowed to wear earrings in moderation. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings. Students are not allowed to wear tongue rings of any type. Neither boys nor girls are allowed to wear other visible piercing of any type. (i.e. nose rings, lip rings, chin rings, eyebrow rings, etc.)
15. Visible tattoos are not allowed.
16. Bare midriff tops and strapless tops are not allowed.
17. Tank, halter, t-back, and spaghetti-strapped tops/dresses must be covered by a sweater or jacket.
18. Undergarments (boys/girls) must not be visible.
19. Camouflage clothing or footwear of any color will not be allowed except on special dress days.
20. Athletic shorts (i.e. cheerleading, mesh, nylon, soffe) and warm-up/sweat pants are not allowed.
21. Boys must wear a collared shirt and tie for school pictures.
22. Athletic jerseys are not allowed except for OPS jerseys.

Consequences of Dress Code Violations

Immediate action and issuance of a detention will be taken in accordance with the dress code (i.e. remove cap, shave, tuck in shirt, zip up a jacket).

Any student cited for dress code violations may be required to do the following:

1. Borrow school uniform (belts, razor, etc.) from Student Services or another student.
2. Go home and change into appropriate attire after getting parental permission at the Student Services office.
3. Have a parent bring appropriate attire to school.

All students are reminded if you miss class because of a dress violation, the time will be unexcused. Dress code violations may result in detention and/or dismissal from school.