

# ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOLS, INC.

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Dear OPS Lower Campus Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Orangeburg Prep, we are excited to have you as a parent of our OPS family. As we prepare for the new 2009 – 2010 school year, there are a few things we thought would be helpful for you to know over the summer.

## DRESS CODE

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. For your information, the following guidelines must be followed:

- 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.
- Skirts, blouses, dresses, and shorts are expected to be modest and not provocative. **Soffee shorts are not allowed at any grade level.**
- Tight, torn, ragged, or frayed pants/skirts **(including jeans)** are not acceptable. Pants, skirts, and jeans must be worn at the normal waistline.
- All clothing must be neat, fit properly and be in good taste.
- Special dress or costume may be worn for special occasions when approved by the administration.
- Hats or caps must not be worn in the buildings at any time, except on special dress days. This includes both boys and girls.
- Proper shoes must be worn at all times for health and safety reasons. Heeleys, cleats, or army style boots are not deemed proper. **All clogs and sandals must have a strap around the heel. Flip-flops of any type are not allowed.**
- Boys' hair must be neatly combed and clean. Bushy hairstyles are not acceptable. Unnatural hair colors or hair styles are not allowed. **Boys' hair must be off the collar, above the ear lobe, and above the eyebrows.** Further appropriateness may be determined by the administration.
- 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 any additional visible body-pierced jewelry.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed.
- **Bare midriff, strapless, halter, and spaghetti strapped tops are not allowed.**
- Undergarments (boys/girls) must not be visible at any time.
- Camouflage pants, shirts, skirts or footwear will not be allowed except on special dress days.

## TUITION

For your convenience, there are tuition drop boxes located at both campuses, or you may mail your tuition to one of the above listed addresses.

We look forward to a very prosperous new school year and to seeing you at Open House in August.

Sincerely,

Celeste Y. Robertson  
Lower Campus Administrator

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Orangeburg Preparatory Schools, Inc. admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.