

UNIFORM/DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

**** We expect cheerful, consistent commitment to the dress code policy from all students, parents, and staff. This is designed to promote our focus on academics and group solidarity. ****

UNDERCLOTHING Always worn, never seen

SOCKS/TIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leggings may not be worn in place of slacks, but may be worn under skirts • Bold/bright/patterned socks/tights are acceptable • No unwholesome phrases/visuals
TOPS/SHIRTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polos must be long enough to be tucked, but do not need to be tucked. Oxford and dress shirts must be tucked in • Solid colors (red, white, navy blue, black) • Polo, oxford shirts; cardigans, turtle/mock turtle necks, sweater vests, sweater hoodies (see Gap/Old Navy/Child's Place for uniform tops) • Merit Academy hoodies • Local club or team hoodies or polos for whom the Merit student participates are permitted on the day of/before (if on a weekend) an event
PANTS/SHORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fit the student (not overly tight, not overly baggy) • Longer than fingertip length • Khakis and slacks • Solid colors (red, navy blue, black, khaki/tan, gray) • Jeans (darker color, black or solid color blue denims are acceptable) • Not acceptable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sweatpants/athletic wear (can be worn for PE) ○ Leggings, unless worn under skirt, see socks/tights for guidelines ○ No pants/shorts with holes, rips, frays, decorations
SKIRTS/SKORTS/ DRESSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hem must be longer than fingertip length • Solid colors (red, navy blue, black, khaki/tan, gray) • Cartwheel/bike shorts, leggings, tights to be worn under shorter (fingertip length) skirts/dresses • Dresses must be polo-type or sweater dresses, except on special occasion. No strapless, spaghetti strap dresses. Must adhere to above guidelines, colors, etc.
SHOES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No shoes with wheels • No flipflops • Snowboots permitted, but must be worn only when outside (recess, lunch, etc.) Please bring indoor shoes to wear during winter months • Heels must be 2" or less

PE: students may wear t-shirts, as long as those shirts fit properly and do not have offensive, unwholesome messaging. Shorts must be at least fingertip length. Shoes must be non-marking and appropriate for running.

Example approved uniform clothing (not all inclusive, but for ideas):



Boys Uniform Long Sleeve Zip Up Mock



Girls Uniform Long Sleeve 2 In 1 Sweater

Girls Uniform Long Sleeve Ruffle Open

Boys Uniform Woven Chi

Boys Uniform Woven

FINDED SIZES



Girls Uniform Woven Pleated Skort



Girls Uniform Long Sleeve Pique Po