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## Student Dress Code

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The Academy has adopted a dress code in order to provide a safe school environment with minimal distractions. All students are required to adhere to the following dress code:

### **Uniform Guidelines**

**Bottoms** - slacks, shorts, skirts, or skorts are to be in navy blue, or khaki. All bottoms must be worn at the waist, no hip huggers, jeans or sweat pants. Pants cannot be ripped or torn. Shorts, skirts, and skorts must be modest and no more than three inches above the knee. Shorts and Capri pants cannot be worn between fall and spring break.

**Tops** - polo shirts, dress shirts, turtlenecks, t-shirts (no undershirts), sweaters or sweatshirts can be khaki, navy blue, burgundy or white. Shirts must be plain solid colors with no words or pictures except for The Academy logo. Shirts must be modest, and brief garments will not be allowed such as undershirts, halter-tops, tube tops, net tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, midriff shirts, sleeveless shirts or plunging necklines (front or back). Layering of tops will be limited to two school approved shirts.

**Shoes** - sturdy shoes for daily P.E. are required and can be kept in the student's cubby if they choose to wear other types of shoes to school. Sandals and flip-flops cannot be worn between fall and spring break. No shoes with wheels shall be worn.

**Tights & socks** – can only be in school colors.

**Coats & Jackets** – winter coats or jackets that are worn outside can be any color. Jackets or sweatshirts that the students wish to wear in the classroom must be plain solid school colors with no words or pictures except for The Academy logo.

**Hats & scarves** – baseball caps, knit hats, and scarves may be any color and may be worn at recess, but not in the classroom. Hats with brims must be worn with the brim straight over the face. Any symbol, print, or logo must be appropriate and meet The Academy's standards.

**Casual Fridays** – Students may wear appropriate non-uniform clothing each Friday based on student or class performance, as determined by the administration. All clothing must adhere to the neatness and modesty standards identified in this policy.

**Crazy hair day** - not more than one crazy hair or dress day per trimester may be approved each year at the discretion of the administration. These days must be identified at least one month in advance and modesty guidelines shall apply.

**Promotional clothing** – Clothing (such as t-shirts, hats, bracelets, etc.) sponsored by approved school clubs, teams or school support organizations may be worn on a limited basis with prior administrative approval. These articles must conform to school neatness and modesty standards.

### **Additional Guidelines**

**Neatness & Modesty Standards** – Student clothing and footwear should fit appropriately. All articles of clothing should be worn as originally intended, be clean, and in good repair. Clothing which is faded, worn out, distracts from the educational environment or draws unwarranted attention (such as short shorts and skirts, tight clothing, and shirts that do not cover the stomach) is unacceptable. Extremes in clothing or hairstyles are also unacceptable.

**Makeup** - lipstick, gloss, blush, eye makeup, or foundation are not allowed at The Academy until ninth grade. Cover-up for acne is allowed when needed.

**Accessories** – students can wear different colored headbands without scarves attached or necklaces as long as they are not a distraction.

**Gang Attire**- Any article of clothing, judged by administration as, promoting gang membership or affiliation is strictly prohibited.