

# NEW Dress Code Guidelines for 2025-2026

## Tops:

- Polo shirts are required for student dress Monday-Thursday.
  - A “polo shirt” is defined as a short or long sleeve shirt with a collar and several buttons at the neck.
  - Polos must be sufficiently long to ensure that the torso is not exposed, including when students raise their hand.
  - Polos must be solid-colored.
    - They may not include any kind of images, graphics, or words, other than the logo of the polo brand. Brand logos must be able to be covered by a 3x5 index card.
- Sweaters, pullovers, and cardigans may be worn with a polo underneath. They must be solid colored; they must also be of a crew neck, collared, or ¼ zip style.
  - They may not include any kind of images, graphics, or words, other than the logo of the brand. Logos must be able to be covered by a 3x5 index card.
  - Full length zip-up jackets are not allowed to be worn in the building. They may be worn at recess.
- Any undershirt worn under the polo must be a solid color.
- Tiger Gear hoodies are the only hoodies that may be worn. They may be worn on the last day of the week.

## Bottoms:

- Bottoms must be loose fit and of a khaki/chino (Dockers or similar brand), corduroy, or denim material, and they must be solid-colored tan, navy, gray, black, or denim.
- Bottoms must be classic, uniform-style without cargo-type pockets.
  - Shorts of a classic, uniform-style may be worn from the beginning of school until October 31, as well as from April 1 until the end of the school year.
    - Shorts must fall within 3 inches of the knee.
- Girls’ skirts/skorts must follow the same material and color guidelines as other bottoms, and they must fall within 3 inches of the knee.
  - Tights or leggings may be worn under skirts/polo dresses only, and they must be solid-colored.
  - Skirts must be worn as a bottom with the required tops.
  - Polo dresses (with a collar) are also acceptable, but they must follow color requirements.
- All bottoms must be free from graphics, intentional discoloration, or embellishments such as lace, patches, rhinestones, fringe, etc.

## Shoes:

- Students may wear tennis shoes (without wheels or lights), dress shoes, or sandals with a full back. Shoes must have a full back that covers the entire heel and ensures the foot does not come out of the shoe when walking.
  - Dress shoe heels may not exceed one inch.

- Crocs, and other shoes without a full back covering the entire heel are not allowed.
- Clean tennis shoes must be worn or available on days a student will have gym class.

#### General Dress:

- No holes, rips, or tears are allowed in any garment.
- Hair must be clean, neat, and natural colored.
- No hats or head coverings may be worn during the school day.
- Tattoos, piercings (other than earlobes for girls), and extreme cosmetics are prohibited.
- Light, natural-looking make-up may be worn by middle school girls (grades 6-8) only.

#### **Special Dress**

##### Chapel/Wednesday Dress:

- Because Wednesday has been reserved as a time for worship with chapel services occurring at both campuses, jeans must not be worn.
- All other dress code expectations remain the same.

##### Last Day of the Week:

- T-shirts and sweatshirts that promote Christian beliefs/organizations (including Tiger Gear) may be worn with jeans on the last day of the week, as long as it is not a Chapel Day.
- Tiger Gear hoodies may be worn on this day only. No other hoodies are acceptable.

##### Other Occasions:

- Dress down days may be permitted at the discretion of the principal.
- Other occasions or events throughout the school year may warrant more formal dress attire. These might include special chapel services, JA BizTown, etc.