

DRESS CODE REVISION

DRESS CODE Neatness depends as much on how clothes are worn as on what is worn, and this code endeavors to establish a clear, common standard of neatness and avoid ambiguities of style and fashion which could distract student and faculty from more important aspects of their relationships. The Masters School allows a range of styles as long as the clothing worn does not detract from our educational mission. Such a range of styles is appropriate for our diverse student body and inclusive spirit and permits students to respectfully express their individuality within the limits of good taste. Student dress must be neat, clean, in good repair at all times, and appropriate for the occasion. Students must always wear shoes, sneakers, or sandals.

All must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene and grooming. Face and body piercing are not allowed, except for modest earrings and nose pierce with a small stud.

Attire and electronic equipment must not create a barrier to communication. Earphones may not be worn during classes, meetings, or meals, and to avoid disturbing others, beepers, pagers, and cell phones must be turned off during these times and during study halls. Hats and sunglasses may not be worn indoors, except in the dormitories.

School Dress The school day extends from 8:00am through co-curriculars and during this time, unless they must change for physical activity, students must wear:

- Pants (colored jeans except blue jeans allowed), or for girls, skirts or dresses that extend past the length of the student's finger tips. Shorts (**but** no short shorts) may be worn in warmer weather until Thanksgiving and after Spring Break.
- Shirts must be buttoned and tails tucked in, unless specifically designed to be worn untucked, and may carry no message or picture. Shirts for boys must be collared (turtle or mock-turtle necks are permitted).

The following must **not** be worn during the school day:

- Blue jeans, blue jean skirts, and blue jean shorts (except on designated "jeans days")
- Any clothing which is distractingly tight, oversized, low-cut, dirty, torn, frayed, or holed
- Dance pants, leggings, or spandex pants unless accompanied by a skirt or dress of length specified by this dress code [long shirts NOT permitted as dresses]
- Athletic apparel, including sweatpants, except during Physical Education classes and team jerseys on days when the student's team has a game
- Clothing which exposes underwear, midriff, or cleavage.
- Tee-shirts, muscle shirts, halter tops, or spaghetti straps

Students choosing to attend The Masters School accept the letter and spirit of these guidelines and their personal responsibility to follow them. Students out of dress code will be required to change immediately into clothing provided by the school. This clothing must be returned at the end of the school day, and \$10 will be charged to the student's account for rental and laundering. Absences or tardiness while having to change will not be excused.

Head's Dress For special events such as Head's Dinner and evening performances, girls must wear dresses (spaghetti strapped and halter topped allowed), skirts, or dressy pants and blouses, and boys must wear coats and ties. Sneakers are not permitted.

Graduation Dress For commencement, underclass students must wear Head's Dress. Senior girls must wear white (not ivory or cream colored), below knee-length, strapped dresses and white dress shoes. Senior boys must wear white (not ivory or cream colored) dress pants, white collared dress shirts, blue blazers, dark socks and dark dress shoes, and a Masters School tie which will be provided.