

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The Epiphany School offers a disciplined learning environment for our students. We believe that ambitious learning and living out our mission are extremely noble pursuits. The appearance of all community members should exhibit our respect for and commitment to the noble and sacred mission, values and culture of our school. Our dress code (while not a uniform) exists to instill **PRIDE, UNITY AND EQUALITY** within our community. By wearing the name of our school, students show their commitment to our community and all that we espouse. Finally, we affirm that adhering to a respectable dress code, instead of conforming to the latest whims of fashion, is an effective way for our students to display outwardly the discipline that is required to find success in life. We strive to commit ourselves to timeless standards of excellence and dignity, rather than conforming to the fleeting crazes of fashion.

Land's End is our school's primary clothing vendor. While we prefer that families utilize this service, we recognize the importance of allowing families to have choices in clothing purchases. Families may utilize a school-authorized embroiderer to place the school's trademarked logo on clothing that complies with the dress code. Please contact the Assistant for Communications with any questions.

In lieu of adopting an official school uniform, we have established a dress code that is not excessively restrictive. All students/families can make choices within a range of options (styles, colors, patterns, fabrics). Because they represent our school to the outside community, students are expected to maintain a neat and scholarly appearance at all times. A sloppy appearance does not convey personal excellence. We remind parents of their responsibility to ensure that their children fully uphold these guidelines. Parents will be notified if a student's dress and appearance does not satisfy these expectations. **WHEN A DRESS CODE VIOLATION OCCURS, A STUDENT WILL FORFEIT CERTAIN STUDENT FREEDOMS.** Repeated offenses will result in additional consequences. Please note that members of the Senior Class adhere to an adjusted dress code that we believe is developmentally appropriate for these students who will soon make the transition to college/university life.

The following summarizes our dress code for all students. For quick summary, pay closest attention to the italicized sections.

DRESS DOWN MONDAYS

Considered a freedom for students, each Monday is a "dress down" day at Epiphany. On this day, students may choose to wear clothing other than standard Epiphany attire. While students are not required to wear standard Epiphany attire on these days, they are expected to uphold the spirit of the Epiphany dress code by choosing clothing that is safe, modest and without offensive advertising. Specific restrictions on "dress down" Mondays will be communicated prior to the first "dress down" day.

SPIRIT WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday our dress code allows "Epiphany spirit wear." During these days, students may wear Epiphany athletic apparel and club or class level T-shirts that have been designed and approved by the school. Epiphany athletic apparel can be purchased via the school's athletic website www.epiphanyfalcons.com

DRESS UP DAYS

Throughout the school year there are days and events which call for Epiphany students to wear their "Sunday best." On these days, young men are expected to wear a dress shirt and tie with dress pants, while young women are expected to wear dresses or skirts. Dress up days will be announced the week prior to the event.

During all other days the following dress code applies:

TOPS

Boys

Wear any solid color shirt that is embroidered with the school logo. These items include polos, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks & t-shirts in an array of colors. All items should be purchased through Lands End. Screen-printed t-shirts, sleeveless tops and tanktops are not permitted. All collared shirts (polos, oxfords, turtlenecks) & sweaters may be worn untucked. Any collarless shirt must remain tucked in and a belt must be worn. Any undershirt that is worn with Epiphany attire must be a solid color (no printed words/designs on sleeves) and should be entirely tucked in to bottoms.

Girls

Wear any solid color shirt that is embroidered with the school logo. These items include polos, blouses, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks, t-shirts and various "feminine fit" collarless shirts. All items should be purchased through Lands End. Screen printed t-shirts, sleeveless tops and tanktops are not permitted. All collared shirts (polos, oxfords, turtlenecks) & sweaters may be worn untucked. Regular, uncropped t-shirts must remain tucked in and a belt must be worn. Girls are always urged to wear a solid color undershirt/camisole, particularly with all cropped "feminine cut" tops. These may either be tucked in or pulled down well below the waist. Bare midriffs, exposed at any point during the school day, will be considered a dress code violation.

BOTTOMS

Boys

Wear pants in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords & denim). They may be either solid colors or prints - subtle stripes and plaids are fine; while camouflage, tie-dye and the like are not permitted. All items must be in good condition (NO RIPS OR FRAYS) and should fit appropriately (no sagging, skinny cut, drop waists, or visible boxers). "Dressy" non-denim shorts may be worn. These should have a 7 inch (or longer) inseam so that they fall approximately two fingers width above the top of the knee cap. Extra long and/or "BAGGY" cargo shorts, athletic shorts & sweats are not allowed.

Girls

Wear pants in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords & denim). They may be either solid colors or prints - subtle stripes, plaids and florals are fine; while camouflage, tie-dye and the like are not permitted. All items must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should fit appropriately (no sagging, skinny cut, drop waists, or hip huggers). "Dressy" non-denim shorts, skirts and capris may be worn. Shorts and skirts should have a 7 inch (or longer) inseam so that they fall approximately 17 two fingers width above the top of the knee cap. Athletic shorts, sweats and rolled "clamdiggers" are not allowed. All shorts and skirts should have a 7 inch (or longer) inseam so that they fall approximately two fingers width above the top of the knee cap. Shorts/skirts should "graze" the knee with a slight bend at the waist). Strict adherence to these measurements will be expected; "finger tip length" will not be acceptable.

SHOES

Boys

Comfortable, casual shoes should be worn at all times. This includes topsiders, loafers and clean, conservative sneakers. It excludes any shoes that have wild colors or patterns, "skater" shoes, open-toed sandals, CROCs, boots & flip flops. Preferably, shoes will have non-scuffing soles.

Girls

Comfortable, casual shoes should be worn at all times. For the safety of all, girls' shoes should not have any significant heel or platform. Appropriate shoes include topsiders, flats, loafers & conservative sneakers. It excludes shoes that have wild colors or patterns, "skater" shoes, open-toed sandals, CROCs, boots & flip flops. Preferably, shoes will have non-scuffing soles.

OUTERWEAR

Boys & Girls

During cool weather months (generally November-March), embroidered sweatshirts, sweaters & fleece vests may be worn. Epiphany tops should be worn under these in the event that they need to be removed. Outerwear items are available in a variety of colors & styles. Other styles of outerwear (solid sweatshirts, zipped sweaters, NorthFace jackets, etc) are not allowed once school has begun. Juniors and Seniors are permitted to wear appropriate college/university sweatshirts. Coats, hats, scarves & gloves that are worn to school must remain in lockers once the school day begins. Students are encouraged to keep an appropriate outer layer at school in the event that they become cool.

P.E. ATTIRE

Boys & Girls

Students must wear an Epiphany shirt/sweatshirt & any shorts/sweatpants that are of respectable length (mid-thigh or longer). Rolled or skimpy shorts are not permitted. Sneakers are required for all planned activities. Following PE classes, all students must return to normal school attire.

SCHOOL TRIP & SPECIAL EVENT ATTIRE

Boys & Girls

When students leave campus for any school-related trip (including off campus service) or participate in special ceremonies, appropriate attire will be designated in advance. In general, this will include embroidered Epiphany shirts (polos, oxfords) and non-denim slacks. Some special events (Dedication, Feast of Epiphany, Honors Convocation) will warrant "Sunday best" attire – dresses & skirts for girls, dress shirt & ties for boys. Permission slips will include information about required attire.

HAIR & GROOMING

Boys & Girls

Natural hair colors and conventional hair styles are required for all students. Hair styles should never impede visibility of the face and/or extend over the eyes. Severe, extreme or sloppy styles may be deemed unacceptable as they can distract from our disciplined and dignified learning environment. When necessary, the administration may request reasonable adjustments.

JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

Boys & Girls

For health and safety reasons, only modest earrings (NO DANGLING OR LARGE HOOPS) are permitted. Simple necklaces may also be worn around the neck and should generally be tucked inside the shirt collar. Earcuffs, piercings, bandanas, pocket chains, and SUNGLASSES should not be worn on campus. Baseball caps and/or other hats are not permitted at any time inside the buildings.