



## **GARDEN SCHOOL DRESS CODE – Grades 4-12**

In order to fulfill its mission, Garden School must provide not only an excellent education, but also an excellent environment in which to learn. One way to assure that students maintain a serious attitude and remain focused on learning is through a dress code.

It is possible to dress in a fashionable way while still looking as though learning is the priority. While a good deal of individuality is permitted, the following are specific items that are not allowed in school:

- jeans of any kind or color or other denim pants or skirts,
- tank or ‘spaghetti’ strapped tops,
- midriff or low-cut tops or any other revealing clothing,
- leggings without a skirt, shorts,
- athletic clothing,
- clothing with inappropriate writing or logos,
- platform shoes or high heels,
- sneakers (other than all black),
- hats\*,
- translucent clothing, torn clothing,
- sweatpants or parachute pants, pajama pants.

Also, girls’ skirts must fit at the waist and be of appropriate length. Shirts without finished bottoms must be tucked in and oversized shirts are not permitted. All pants must be worn at the waist and must fit well enough to stay up without a belt. Visible body piercing, with the exception of earrings, is not permitted. Students with additional visible body jewelry will be required to remove it. Students will be required to recolor their hair if they have chosen a color deemed inappropriate by the administration. Boys must be clean shaven; beards, moustaches, goatees or facial hair\* of any description are not permitted. Headphones, electronic games and cell phones may be carried but not used during class. Students must adhere to the dress code each school day and on all school day trips. Students who are not properly dressed may not participate.

We are committed to the appearance of our students as an important part of the school atmosphere. The dress code is broad enough so that students can attend school comfortably and remain within its guidelines. The administration reserves the right to deem any style of dress inappropriate.

This information about the dress code is for students and their parents/guardians. While Garden believes that its students should be responsible for themselves, it is ultimately the parents/guardians who must use their good judgment when purchasing clothing and seeing their children leave for school. Being good citizens of the Garden community is each student’s full-time job, and each one should come to school as if appropriately dressed for work.

\* except for religious observance

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