

Foundation Academy

Dress Code

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We are a school of CHOICE -- enrolling means you consent to our policies. All students are expected to come to school in clean and properly fitting uniforms with proper hygiene and hair styled neatly. Daily personal grooming is important. Pride in one's appearance is the first step in gaining self-esteem and confidence. Moreover, limiting distractions associated with inappropriate or unusual dress and personal style promotes a positive learning environment. Parents will be contacted if a student is out of uniform or comes to school poorly groomed. It is also suggested that K and Grade 1 parents send a change of clothes in case of an accident.

The student dress code is an important part of the school program and philosophy. Making a choice to attend the school, the student (with parent support) agrees to follow all dress code requirements. The dress code is not an option for the student or parent. Not choosing to follow the dress code may lead to suspension or expulsion. The Foundation Academy Administration Team are the prime enforcers of this policy.

The student dress code is as follows:

Daily, students **WILL** wear:

- TOPS: Red (not maroon), white or Navy-blue solid color shirt with collar.
- TOPS: Red (not maroon), white or Navy-blue solid color crew neck sweatshirts may be worn over a collared shirt that is Foundation School approved. (no hoodies)
- TOPS: Long-sleeved shirts may be worn underneath uniform shirts if they are red (not maroon), white or NAVY blue.
- BOTTOMS: Navy, khaki (tan colored not brown) or black pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers
- Any Foundation Academy spirit gear at any time.
- Closed toed shoes with covered backs. (not straps); Tennis shoes should be worn in PE classes.

Daily students may **NOT** wear:

- Open toed shoes such as flip flops, sandals, crocs, or slippers of any kind.
- Hooded sweatshirts: Hoodies are NOT to be worn any day of the week unless it is a Foundation Academy wear sweatshirt.
- NO slippers.
- No BLUE jeans or pants with rips, tears, or holes regardless of whether leggings are worn underneath, no frays, and NO patches over the holes.
- Bandanas, du-rags, sweatbands, hats, hoods, shower caps, or any other head gear allowed; girls may wear headbands that are two inches or less in width.

- Any type of gloves or hand coverings.
- No headphones may be worn in the classroom; headphones are considered a technology add-on and are not permitted except for classroom instruction and testing.
- Sagging pants
- Shirts with inappropriate words, pictures, or logos. No inappropriate sayings or images; this includes anything with profanity, icons that cause social separation.
- Tops with spaghetti straps, crop-tops, midriffs, sheer material; no skin should be seen at any time.
- Leggings unless they are worn under a dress; they are ONLY acceptable if you have a loose fitting, mid-thigh shirt or dress to cover your bottom.
- Pants should not be tight fitting. No clothes should be tight fitting! Shorts must be school color and appropriate knee length.
- Any fashion accessory that disrupts the learning environment or presents a safety risk determined by the Behavior Intervention Specialist or the Principal.
- No jackets tied around the waist.

Please keep in mind that we are not a clothing store. Items borrowed from the Academy need to be cleaned and returned.

Consequences for dress code violations:

- 1st violation – The teacher will call home and document conversation with parent.
- 2nd violation – The teacher will send home a letter; the parent MUST sign and return the letter to the teacher.
- 3rd violation – Administration will step in and speak to the student; consequences may be arranged.
- 4th violation – Student will sit in the ALC while out of dress code.

School Administration may make changes to the dress code during the school year IF there is an article of clothing that is being worn that is a disruption to the learning environment. The school Administration will first notify parents in writing that the changes are to be made. Students are expected to comply with changes that have been appropriately communicated.