

## CANTERBURY DRESS CODE

Consistent with the mission statement of Canterbury, our dress code policy seeks to provide students with a valuable feeling of equality. The dress code is based on a great deal of thoughtful consideration by faculty, parents, administrators, and the Board of Trustees. It requires that children dress in clothes that are similar, thus avoiding competition among students to wear the “latest” in clothing. We expect students to arrive each day dressed in the Canterbury dress code.

There are three basic categories of dress: chapel dress, casual dress, and school dress. The school dress requirements are slightly different for our lower and middle school divisions. Guidelines are listed below. **While kindergartners are not required to adhere to the dress code, they are required to wear chapel dress on special occasions (see CHAPEL DRESS).**

### **Dress Code Enforcement (Lower and Middle Schools)**

We do all we can to ensure that we are fair in implementing our dress code policy. It is our sincere hope that compliance can be achieved through cooperation between home and school.

Each morning a dress code check will be made in every homeroom. When mistakes are made, students and parents will be notified and, when appropriate, students will be provided Canterbury shirts and/or belts to wear for the remainder of the day. For some violations, the division director may call the parents to bring a change of clothes to the school. Repeat offenses may lead to detention, further conversations and strategies.

**IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF A SPECIFIC PIECE OF ATTIRE, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SCHOOL BEFORE BUYING!**

### **CHAPEL DRESS (WHOLE SCHOOL)**

For special events, students (including kindergartners) will be required to wear chapel dress. Advance notice will be given for these occasions.

**Boys, grades K-3:** dress shirts, ties, long pants, belts, and dress shoes (jackets optional)

**Boys, grades 4-8:** jackets, dress shirts, ties, long pants, belts, and dress shoes

**Girls, grades K-8:** skirts and tops OR dresses (sufficient length; covered bustline; covered shoulders), dress shoes

**NOTE:** *No athletic shoes will be allowed on these days for any grade.* (Students will, however, be allowed to change to athletic shoes after the event is over).

### **CASUAL DRESS (WHOLE SCHOOL)**

Occasionally, a casual dress day will be announced. **Children will not be allowed to call home for a change of clothes if they forget to dress casually.**

#### **Any clothes are allowed, EXCEPT:**

sleeveless shirts

short shorts/skirts/skort (the no shorter than 2” above the knee rule still applies)

cut-offs

pants with holes

hats

shoes without backs (including flip-flops)

clothing with inappropriate writing or graphics

clothing that exposes the midriff or bustline

clingy knit pants or shorts

## **SCHOOL DRESS (Outfit to be worn on regular school days by all students)**

Collared shirt with sleeves or turtleneck shirt with sleeves

Hemmed shorts/long pants or hemmed capris/skirt/skort/jumper

White socks

Low-cut athletic or tennis shoes

Optional: sweater/vest/sweatshirt

## **SCHOOL DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

### **Collared Shirt with Sleeves or Turtleneck Shirt with Sleeves**

Color: any solid color (no contrasting trim)

Logo free (no words, images, designs, or brand markers)

Length: long enough to remain tucked in (Shirts must remain tucked in throughout the school day.)

### **Hemmed Shorts/Long Pants or Hemmed Capris/Skirt/Skort/Jumper**

Color: solid khaki, navy or tan

Length of shorts, skirt, skort or jumper: no more than 2" above the knee

Fabric: twill, corduroy, blends (no denim or knits)

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade: black, brown or tan belt OR Canterbury belt if belt loops are present

### **White Socks**

Logo free (no words, images, designs, or brand markers)

Tights or leggings (black, white, tan or navy) may be worn under clothing

### **Low-cut Athletic or Tennis Shoes**

Full shoe with back

### **Optional: Sweater/Vest/ Sweatshirt**

Canterbury sweater/vest/sweatshirt

OR

Any solid color, logo free sweater/vest/sweatshirt (no words, images, designs, or brand markers)

Any type of **coat or jacket** may be worn while outside. Coats must be removed when students are inside of any school building. **Hats, hoods and head coverings** must also be removed when inside.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS**

To honor our middle school students' increased maturity, the school allows middle school students to enjoy expanded options for school dress.

Middle school students may wear plaids or patterns (no camouflage) on either their tops OR their bottoms. For example, a student may wear a solid color shirt and a plaid skirt or a striped shirt and solid pants.

Middle school students may wear a belt with any color or pattern.

Middle School students may wear the shoes of their choice, rather than only low-cut athletic shoes, with some exceptions.

- Shoes must be closed toed and have a closed heel (no flip-flops or crocs).

- Students may not wear high heels or shoes that go well above the ankle (a high top sneaker is ok but boots are not).
- Students must remember to bring appropriate shoes for PE.

Middle School students may wear any color or pattern of socks, provided the socks do not display logos.

Middle School students must wear socks with athletic shoes but do not have to wear socks with flats or other shoes typically not worn with socks.

### **ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS**

With the sole exception of boys t-shirts showing at the neckline, underwear should not be visible.

Girls' camis may only be visible under dress code shirts if they do not expose the bustline.