



Dress Code 2024-25

DAILY DRESS

We're a learning institution, and our dress code aims to support that purpose. We want students to have clear and practical options to navigate their day successfully and safely. While it's not possible to list all specific do's and don'ts, we ask you to help your child make good choices when getting dressed each day for school. As children grow, they may push boundaries, including dress code. We understand and expect this and will work with you if your child is consistently out of dress code.

Our dress code is aligned with Brookwood's mission and values. **It prohibits any clothing, jerseys, accessories, or imagery that stereotypes any racial, ethnic, religious, or other groups, including sports teams that use Native American imagery. Additionally, all clothing or accessories should align with the School's [Statement of Commitment](#).** These guidelines help us maintain an educational environment that is respectful and inclusive of all students.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can ensure a positive atmosphere that supports the well-being and growth of all our students. Students have many choices regarding their apparel for daily dress:

Lower School

Students should dress appropriately for the weather in clothing that is neat, clean, in good repair and appropriate for busy days:

- No pants with rips/holes.
- Tops and bottoms must overlap (no bare midriffs).
- No Open-toe shoes, sandals, or Crocs.
- Sneakers are required for PE and recess.
- No hats are allowed in the building.

Upper School

Students should dress appropriately for the weather in clothing that is neat, clean, and in good repair:

- Opaque shirts with or without sleeves (if without sleeves the shoulder straps should be three finger width)
 - Solid color or patterned (no words or graphics/images; fist size brand-identifying pocket logo is acceptable)
 - Tops and bottoms must overlap (no bare midriffs)
- Pants must have pockets or jeans (No leggings, no pants with rips/holes, no pajama pants)
- Shorts, skirts, skorts and dresses should be at an appropriate length for students to be active around the school and are able to fully participate in the school programming

- Dresses with or without sleeves (if without sleeves the shoulder straps should be three finger width)
- Leggings can be worn with tunic/sweater/skirt that is closer to the knee than the hip
- Sweaters and fleece jackets/pullovers and sweatshirts (no hoods, words or graphics/images)
- Brookwood spirit wear including Brookwood Hooded sweatshirts
- Closed-toe shoes and any shoe with a back strap

Upper School Students may not wear:

- Hats or sweatshirt with hoods in the building (except for religious or cultural observance)
- Athletic wear with large logos (athletes may wear game jerseys on game days)
- Pants with holes or pajama pants
- Sweatpants or leggings worn as pants with the exception of PE or athletics
- Athletic shorts with the exception of PE or athletics
- Plain, white undershirts worn as regular t-shirts
- Tank tops, spaghetti straps or strapless tops or dresses
- Open-toe shoes, sandals, or Crocs

SPECIAL EVENT DRESS

Respectful celebratory attire that honors the day's activities (Lower School Play, Revels, Harold W. Wise Declamation Contest, Grandparents' Day, Eighth Grade Salute, Commencement, etc.)

Lower School

- Shirt (collared)
- Skirt/dress of appropriate length
- Dress pants/shorts
- Blazer and/or tie (optional)

Upper School

- Shirt (collared blouse or button-down shirt, with or without sleeves)
- Sweater/blazer (solid color)
- Skirt/dress of appropriate length (no spaghetti strap or strapless dresses)
- Dress pants (full length)
- Footwear (any shoes including those with back straps)
- Tie (dress tie or Brookwood tie optional)

PERFORMANCE DRESS

Attire for participation in musical performances

Grade 4 and Upper School only

- White blouse (no spaghetti straps or bare midriff) or white shirt (collared button-down with pocket, tucked in)
 - White sweater (optional)
 - Skirt (black/dark, at least fingertip length)
 - Dress pants (black/dark, full length, no denim/corduroy)
 - Brookwood tie optional
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RELAXED DRESS

Casual attire is allowed for special occasions such as Halloween and Pajama Day, with specific guidelines for each relaxed dress day. The School will communicate with families about these days and the corresponding dress codes as they arise.

Halloween: As you and your child pull together the pieces of their Halloween costume, please keep a critical eye toward inclusivity and kindness. Sometimes costume ideas are a great opportunity to engage in an age-appropriate conversation about stereotypes. We also ask that you avoid violent or scary costumes and please leave weapons, sticks, and Halloween masks at home for the day. Please remember superheroes and villains both have weapons. So you would choose to leave their weapons at home.