

Uniform Dress Code

The dress and grooming of the student body affects the educational environment and the climate for learning in our school. We believe that helping students become aware of the appropriate dress for various activities is part of the educational process. The nature of our curriculum demands that students have the correct clothing and footwear in order to be safe and to learn effectively.

Upper Garments:

Upper garments will consist of any shirt that is available through the Discovery apparel line. Students may wear a long-sleeve shirt underneath their Discovery shirts. Until the first uniform order of the school year is fulfilled, students may wear a dark blue, light blue or dark green polo shirt, which is defined as a shirt with two or three buttons and a collar. Shirts must be properly fitted (not oversized or overly tight, and must cover the top of the lower garment). Shirts must not have holes or embellishments. Sweatshirts or sweaters available through the Discovery apparel line may be worn during the school day. Sweatshirts and sweaters without the Discovery logo are not allowed.

Lower Garments:

Lower garments will consist of appropriate black/blue jeans or navy/khaki colored pants or walking shorts, capris or skorts. **Athletic pants, yoga pants, and skirts are not allowed.** Pants and shorts must be properly fitted (not oversized or overly tight) and must not have holes or embellishments. Pants must fit at the waist, or a belt must be worn to prevent them from falling. A student's skin, underwear, or other undergarments must not be exposed due to sagging pants or shorts. Shorts and skorts must be no shorter than three fingers above the knee. Students may wear tights/leggings underneath their skorts or shorts.

Footwear:

Shoes or boots must have both closed heel and toe. Gym shoes or hiking shoes/boots are recommended. Sandals, flip-flops, Crocs, Heelys, and heels of any kind are not acceptable. 23

Outerwear:

For cold weather, students must have heavy jackets, snow pants, hats, waterproof gloves/mittens and snow boots. During the fall and spring seasons, students should have a light jacket and a rain coat/poncho. It is recommended that a hat is available at all times to protect from sun and insects.

Long Hikes:

To help keep the students protected from the sun, ticks and other insects, on days when the students will be going on long hikes or spending extended periods of time outside, long pants and hats are highly recommended. If students wear shorts/skorts to school, they should have a pair of long pants to change into. A hat should also be available at all times.

Students are expected to be dressed in a manner that will not be disruptive to the educational process, constitute a health or safety hazard or violate civil law. Any clothing or jewelry that is disruptive to the learning process is not permitted.

Any student who fails to meet the dress code requirements may be given a written warning, be asked to change into clothes available at Discovery, sent home to retrieve appropriate clothing, or may be asked to call parents for an acceptable change of clothes. Further dress code infractions will result in an after school detention. The final determination of appropriate dress and the action taken will be made by the school administration.