



## Upper School Dress Code

The following dress code guidelines can be found on page 62 of the [MS/US Handbook](#)

The Upper School does not have a daily uniform because we seek to help our young women learn to dress appropriately for a given situation. Students' clothing may reflect individuality as long as it is in keeping with the dress code. We wish to create an environment that is respectful of the feelings and attitudes of the community.

Dressing for school is not the same as dressing for leisure time outside of school. Standards of *cleanliness, neatness, modesty, and appropriateness* in dress are expected for the classroom and school day. Clothing must be modest whether standing or sitting.

Students should dress in more formal attire on "Mass Day Dress" which includes the school blazer for religious services, awards ceremonies and special occasions. Jeans, flip-flops, hats, athletic attire (with the exception of game days), shorts and printed t-shirts are not appropriate.

The following is a list of specific clothing and its place in the classroom dress code:

1. Pants, slacks, shorts, skirts, leggings and dresses can be worn. Cut-offs, gym shorts, and spandex shorts are not allowed. The length of a skirt, dress or shorts should be mid-thigh or longer. This applies to everyday dress as well as Mass Day Dress, Prize Day and Graduation, but not events such as dances or Prom. Pajamas, skin-tight skirts are not allowed.
2. Shirts/blouses/sweaters must cover the mid-section, front and back, and have a modest or appropriate cut or neckline. Tops must be long enough to cover the midsection when arms are raised above the head. Tops must also have wide shoulder straps (no spaghetti straps except for Prom and Graduation.)
3. T-shirts/sweatshirts providing sufficient coverage may be worn. Shirts with any mention of alcohol, drugs, violence, cigarettes or sex are not allowed.
4. Hats may be worn to school and in the building. A teacher may request students to remove hats for class.
5. Apparel should be opaque, and not transparent.
6. On game days only, athletes may wear Stuart game jerseys or team-issued athletic warm up suits. Other sweatpants are not allowed. Clothing below the waist must conform to the dress code as in #1. Team-issued pants must be worn with team-issued top.
7. Clothes that are ripped, ragged, dirty, expose underwear or expose areas normally covered by underwear are not allowed.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times.
9. No body piercing is allowed except ear piercing. No visible tattoos are allowed.

Anyone who comes dressed to school inappropriately may be sent home to obtain the proper attire or may be lent appropriate dress to wear for the remainder of the day. In addition, the student will be reported to the Judiciary Committee. The dress code is a general guide that is not all-inclusive. We trust students and their parents to make wise decisions in choosing appropriate dress for school.