

## DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

The Epiphany School offers a disciplined learning environment for our students. We believe that ambitious learning and living out our mission are extremely noble pursuits. **The appearance of all community members should exhibit their respect for the noble and sacred mission, values and culture of our school.** Our dress code serves to instill pride, unity and equality within our community. By wearing the name of our school, students show their commitment to our community and all that we espouse. Finally, we affirm that adhering to a respectable dress code, instead of conforming to the latest whims of fashion, is an effective way for our students to display outwardly the discipline that is required to find success in life.

Rather than adopting an official school uniform, we have established a dress code that is not excessively restrictive. All students/families can make choices within a range of options (styles, colors, patterns, fabrics). Because they represent our school to the outside community, students are **expected to maintain a neat appearance at all times.** We remind parents of their responsibility to ensure that their children fully respect and uphold these guidelines. Parents will be notified if a student's dress and appearance does not satisfy these expectations. In the event of repeated offense, a student may be required to alter his/her attire. **Members of the Senior Class are granted certain freedoms** that we believe are developmentally appropriate for our students who will soon make the transition to college/university life.

### TOPS

#### Boys

Wear any **solid color shirt that is embroidered with the school logo.** These items include polos, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks & t-shirts in an array of colors. All items should be purchased through Lands End. Screen-printed t-shirts, sleeveless tops and tanktops are not permitted. All **collared shirts** (polos, oxfords, turtlenecks) & sweaters **may be worn untucked.** Any **collarless shirt must remain tucked in and a belt must be worn.** Any undershirt that is worn with Epiphany attire must be a solid color and should be tucked in to bottoms.

#### Girls

Wear any **solid color shirt that is embroidered with the school logo.** These items include polos, blouses, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks, t-shirts and various "feminine fit" collarless shirts. All items should be purchased through Lands End. Screen-printed t-shirts, sleeveless tops and tanktops are not permitted. All **collared shirts** (polos, oxfords, turtlenecks) & sweaters **may be worn untucked.** Regular t-shirts must remain tucked in and a belt must be worn. Girls are always **urged to wear a solid color undershirt/camisole,** particularly with all cropped "feminine cut" tops. These may **either be tucked in or pulled down well below the waist.** Bare midriffs, exposed at any point during the school day, will be considered a dress code violation.

### BOTTOMS

#### Boys

Wear **pants** in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords & denim). They may be either solid colors or prints - subtle stripes and plaids are fine; while camouflage, tie-dye and the like are not permitted. All items must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and **should fit appropriately** (no sagging, skin tight, drop waists, or visible boxers). **"Dressy" non-denim shorts** may be worn. These should have a **7 inch (or longer) inseam** so that they fall approximately two fingers width above the top of the knee cap. **Extra long and/or "baggy" cargo shorts, athletic shorts & sweats are not allowed.**

#### Girls

Wear **pants** in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords & denim). They may be either solid colors or prints - subtle stripes, plaids and florals are fine; while camouflage, tie-dye and the like are not permitted. All items must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and **should fit appropriately** (no sagging, skin tight, drop waists, or hip huggers). **"Dressy" non-denim shorts, skirts and capris may be worn.** Shorts and skirts should have a **7 inch (or longer) inseam** so that they fall approximately **two fingers width above the top of the knee cap.** **Athletic shorts, sweats and rolled "clamdiggers" are not allowed.** All shorts and skirts should have a **7 inch (or longer) inseam** so that they fall approximately two fingers width

above the top of the knee cap. Shorts/skirts should “graze” the knee with a slight bend at the waist). Strict adherence to these measurements will be expected; “finger tip length” will not be acceptable.

## **SHOES**

### Boys

Comfortable, casual shoes should be worn at all times. This includes **topsiders, loafers and clean, conservative sneakers**. It excludes any shoes that have wild colors or patterns, “skater” shoes, open-toed sandals, CROCs, boots & flip flops. Preferably, shoes will have non-scuffing soles.

### Girls

Comfortable, casual shoes should be worn at all times. For the safety of all, girls’ shoes should not have any significant heel or platform. Appropriate shoes include **topsiders, flats, loafers & conservative sneakers**. Those that are excluded are shoes that have wild colors or patterns, “skater” shoes, open-toed sandals, CROCs, boots & flip flops. Preferably, shoes will have non-scuffing soles.

## **OUTERWEAR**

### Boys & Girls

During cool weather months (generally November-March), embroidered **sweatshirts, sweaters & fleece vests** may be worn. Epiphany tops should be worn under these in the event that they need to be removed. Outerwear items are available in a variety of colors & styles. Juniors and Seniors are permitted to wear appropriate college/university sweatshirts only. Students may wear any other outerwear items (coats, hats, scarves & gloves) to school, but these may not be worn in the buildings once the school day begins. Students are encouraged to **keep an appropriate outer layer at school in the event that they become cool; non-Epiphany items will not be permitted.**

## **P.E. ATTIRE**

### Boys & Girls

Students must wear an Epiphany **shirt/sweatshirt & any shorts/sweatpants that are of respectable length (mid-thigh or longer)**. Rolled or skimpy shorts are not permitted. Sneakers are required for all planned activities. Following PE classes, all students must return to normal attire.

## **SCHOOL TRIP & SPECIAL EVENT ATTIRE**

### Boys & Girls

When students leave campus for any school-related trip or participate in special ceremonies, appropriate attire will be designated in advance. In general, this will include **collared shirts (polos, oxfords) and non-denim slacks**. Some special events (Dedication, Feast of Epiphany, Honors Convocation) will warrant “Sunday best” attire – dresses & skirts for girls, dress shirt & ties for boys. Permission slips will include information about required attire.

## **HAIR & GROOMING**

### Boys & Girls

Natural hair colors and conventional hair styles are required for all students. **Hair styles should never impede visibility of the face and/or extend over the eyes**. Severe or extreme styles may be deemed unacceptable as they can distract from our disciplined learning environment. The administration may request reasonable adjustments.

## **JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES**

### Boys & Girls

For health and safety reasons, only modest earrings (not dangling or large hoops) are permitted. Simple necklaces may also be worn around the neck and should be tucked inside the shirt collar. Earrings, chokers, anklets, facial body piercings, bandanas, and pocket chains are all unacceptable. Baseball caps and/or other hats should never be worn in any building at any time of the day.