



WOODLAWN SCHOOL

Cultivating a **CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE**

Woodlawn embraces individuality and does not require a uniform. However, students are expected to make appropriate choices in terms of clothing and appearance. Woodlawn is a place of active learning and expects that students will dress accordingly on a daily basis, and responsibility for dressing appropriately rests with the student and family. Woodlawn School reserves the right to tell any student that their clothing is not appropriate. Students who are in violation of the dress code will be asked to contact their parents and appropriate clothing must be brought to school. Repeated offenses to the dress code may result in the loss of privileges. To avoid losing valuable class time, and out of respect for health and safety, please be responsible and make sensible choices.

'Blazer Fri-Yay Spirit Day! Come dressed in your Woodlawn gear each Friday!

Lower School Dress Code (Grades K-5)

- Tennis shoes are required on a daily basis for grades K-5. Students must be able to run and garden in the shoes they wear to school. Students will not be permitted to change shoes between classes unless inclement weather would require boots.
- Shorts must be worn underneath all skirts. Shorts and skirts should extend beyond the fingertips in length.
- Clothing that is distasteful or distracting is not permitted.
- All pants and shorts must be worn at the waist.
- No ripped or torn clothing.
- Hats and sunglasses are for outdoor use only.
- Hair must not cover eyes and must be groomed appropriately each day. Students in grades K-5 are required to wear Woodlawn shirts on all off-campus trips.

Middle School Dress Code (Grades 6-8)

- Grade 6 Footwear requirements: Tennis shoes are required every day. Students must be able to run and garden in the shoes that they wear to school. Students will not be permitted to change shoes for any class unless inclement weather would require winter boots.
- Grades 7-8 Footwear requirements: Students must wear tennis shoes when outdoor activities are planned or fitness is scheduled. Flip-flops, open-toed sandals, or open-back shoes are not permitted. Students will not be permitted to change shoes for any class unless inclement weather would require winter boots.
- Shorts and skirts must extend beyond the fingertips in length, and shorts must be worn underneath all skirts.



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- Students who wear leggings or jeggings should wear a top or sweater that extends beyond where pockets would theoretically be (or beyond the fingertips in length).
- Clothing that is distracting or offensive is not permitted. This rule includes but is not limited to, sexual innuendos, vulgar language, and the promotion of hate, discrimination, or any controlled substance.
- No revealing clothing is permitted: no baring stomachs, backs, or chests, no exposed undergarments, and no strapless or backless tops. Straps must be thick enough to cover undergarments.
- All pants and shorts must be worn at the waist.
- No ripped or torn clothing.
- Athletic wear that does not meet the minimum requirements listed above may not be worn to classes.
- Hats and sunglasses are for outdoor use only.
- Hair must not cover eyes and must be groomed appropriately each day.

Upper School Dress Code:

Please note, this is the 2023-24 US dress policy. Students will be updating it as a team during Advance Week. A student's appearance should represent their attitude towards Woodlawn's PreK-12 learning community. Students should arrive at school ready for the day's activities, which vary from day to day. Careful planning is necessary when students may have a presentation, a college rep meeting, and athletics all on the same day. Students are encouraged to dress accordingly keeping their best judgment in mind. Upper School students may bring a change of clothes to have on hand daily.

Dress Code Stipulations include:

- Shoes must have a substantial sole. Heels over 2" are not allowed, as they may damage the grounds, and are not safe over the uneven terrain that exists throughout campus. Students should keep a backup pair of closed-toed shoes in their lockers for science labs and outdoor activities.
- Excessive ripped or torn clothing is not permitted.
- Sunglasses, hats, and hoods may be worn outdoors only.
- No baring stomachs, backs, chests, or buttocks.
- Undergarments should never be visible.
- No strapless tops. Straps must be thick enough to cover undergarments. Students should be able to move and participate actively without restriction or the likelihood of showing undergarments, excessive skin, or private body parts.
- Shorts and skirts must extend to an appropriate length in relation to a student's individual height. Students should be able to move and participate actively without restriction or the likelihood of showing undergarments, excessive skin, or private body parts.



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- All pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. Tops should meet bottoms whether arms are raised or by the sides.
- Students who wear leggings or jeggings as pants should wear a top that extends beyond where pockets theoretically would be.
- Clothing and accessories that contain offensive or distracting messages are not permitted. This rule includes but is not limited to, sexual innuendos, vulgar language, and the promotion of hate, discrimination, or any controlled substance.
- Athletic wear that does not meet the minimum requirements listed above may not be worn to classes.

Students not adhering to the Dress Code will be asked to change clothes. Repeated offenses will result in consultation with the Upper School Director.

All clothing, for all grade levels, should be in the spirit of the dress code. Students are asked to exercise their best judgment keeping in mind that dressing appropriately for school is about their own personal learning experience and should not infringe upon their own progress, nor should it infringe upon the learning environment for others.