

Clothing and Personal Items

• Dress Code

We believe that the learning environment is affected by the students' individual and collective appearance at school. To nurture a positive campus environment and school culture, students are expected to present themselves in a respectful and responsible manner. Hence, appropriate clothing and related apparel and personal grooming are the standards for HPA students. A student's grooming and attire should compliment his/her commitment to learning as well as reflect a sense of respect and appreciation for the common values we embrace as a learning community. Hair should be natural in color, allow for both eyes to be seen, and groomed in a manner that would not be considered "outrageous." Students always are expected to use good taste and common sense in their dress.

In the event a student's dress challenges the defined dress code standards, the adult's opinion, the one responsible for the child at school, will prevail. Students who choose to dress or groom inappropriately will be directed to change and will be responsible for making up all work missed while out of the classroom. The office has clothing that the student may borrow for the day. The clothing is to be cleaned and returned to the principal the following day of school.

• School Day Dress

School Day Dress must be worn throughout the school day until the student leaves campus, unless the student is in the gym.

No item of clothing may have advertisements pertaining to drugs, sex, alcohol, tobacco, acts of violence, or any subject deemed inappropriate by the school.

All clothing worn under jackets or removable sweaters or sweatshirts must meet dress code standards. Tops for boys must completely cover the shoulders at all times. Girls are permitted to wear tops with shoulder straps. The straps must be a minimum of 2 inches wide. These guidelines apply to tops worn underneath outer garments such as zippered sweatshirts, sweaters, or any other top that typically can be removed during the school day. Strapless shirts are not permitted. Necklines and arm cut-outs must be "modest" in nature. Under garments, such as underwear or bras, must remain concealed.

Pants must be worn in a fashion where no undergarment can be seen. Pants should be of a "plain" nature and may not be ripped or have painting and/or any type of "graffiti" or "paint" on them. Sweat, pajama, and yoga-style pants are not permitted to be worn to school. Athletic shorts cannot be worn as part of regular dress during the school day (outside of physical education class).

Footwear in good condition must be worn; running or casual shoes and leather sandals, rubber/sport slippers are examples of acceptable footwear. Heeleys are not to be worn at the Village Campus at anytime.

Hats, beanies, or any other "head-wear," i.e., bandanas, are permitted to be worn only outside; they are not to be worn in classrooms, the dining room, or library. Should students choose not to respect this expectation, hats and other "head-wear"

will be confiscated for the day or for a period of time as so deemed by the representative of the school.

Lower School: Neat and clean pants/jeans or shorts with pockets are permitted. Shorts with pockets are permitted. For girls, skirts and dresses must fall at least six inches within the top of the knee-cap. Sleeveless tops for girls and sleeveless T-shirts for boys must have straps at least two inches wide with modest necklines and arm cut-outs. T-shirts, sport shirts, dress shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts (with or without hoods), and aloha shirts may be worn.

Shoes in good repair or leather sandals must be worn. Heel heights should not exceed one inch. Rubber slippers are acceptable unless otherwise indicated by teachers for field trips and other special events.

Middle School Boys: Neat and clean jeans, pants, or shorts are required. Board shorts are permitted. Pants or shorts are to be worn at a modest level – undergarments cannot show. Low cut pants without belts that show undergarments are not permitted.

Middle School Girls: Dresses skirts, or shorts must fall within five inches of the middle of the knee including when leggings are worn as an undergarment. Leggings must be covered by a dress, skirt or short. Jeans, dress pants, and board shorts are permitted. All clothing must meet the following guidelines:

- a modest neckline and arm cut-outs
- tops must be long enough to be tucked into the waistline and remain tucked in when the student arms are fully extended above her head
- No see-through or revealing tops

- Dresses, skirts, and shorts must be worn at a modest level on the waistline
- Heels on shoes should not exceed two inches

- **Body Piercing**

Due to health considerations, body piercing—other than the ears—is not allowed at school or during any school-sponsored functions. Anyone involved in such activity could have disciplinary action if not removed.

- **Physical Education Attire**

Lower School: Red, gray, black or white athletic shorts or sweat-pants, T-shirt or sweatshirt, and covered athletic shoes are required.

Any combination of these colors is acceptable. Shirts and sweat-shirts may have designs imprinted, although these items should be predominantly red, gray black, or white. Students wear their P.E. “uniforms” as school day dress three times a week. Your child’s teacher will advise you of his/her P.E. schedule.

Middle School: An official Physical Education uniform is required for middle school. The “HPA” P.E. tee-shirt can be purchased at the school’s bookstore. Black or red athletic shorts, available for purchase at any department/sports store are required as well. The athletic shorts must be no less than five inches from the mid-knee cap. Regular “covered” athletic

shoes with socks are required as well. Open-toe or heel shoes are not acceptable. Running or cross-training shoes are strongly recommended.

Students who have P.E. class prior to lunch may come to school dressed in their P.E. attire. Students who have P.E. after lunch must have regular school attire on until P.E. class. *All students are required to change into regular school attire after P.E. class is over.*