
GRADE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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The intention of the Grade School dress code is to support children in learning and playing safely and happily, and to encourage the practice of dressing in a simple, healthy way. Following are descriptions of required and unacceptable attire, hair, jewellery, and electronic devices.

1. School clothing must be without rips and tears, neither excessively baggy nor too tight.
2. Pants must fit securely around the waist and the pant legs may not drag on the ground.
3. Shirts must have sleeves that do not cover hands and must fit so that midribs are thoroughly covered; no skin may be visible at the waist even when arms are raised above heads.
4. Clothing is required to be without large, distracting logos or writing; no media characters, advertisements, caricatures, violence, inappropriate language or media figures on clothing or other school materials, i.e., lunch bags or backpacks.
5. Shirts with images that commemorate a Waldorf school event, such as the Olympiad, may be worn.
6. No, neon, glittery, sequined, or camouflage fabrics.

7. **Modesty**

Short miniskirts, short shorts, see-through clothes are not allowed. Tank tops with spaghetti straps will not be allowed. Shorts must not be shorter than 6 inches above the kneecap. No underwear may be visible; cleavage must not be visible.

8. **Outdoor Clothing**

Should be warm enough, i.e., tights, long pants, and long-sleeve shirts. Socks and appropriate shoes or boots are necessary in the cooler months. Students go outside for two recesses every day, and the school's policy is: Long pants and sleeves, jackets, hats, as weather dictates, from September through April.

Outdoor clothing, including hats and hoods may not be worn in the classroom. Children must keep an extra set of clothes at school, both for added warmth needs and for dry changes. All children must have a set of rain gear at school that includes a coat, pants, and boots.

Sunhats are required on hot sunny days.

9. **Footwear**

Shoes must be sturdy, comfortable and suitable for all day use. Shoes must fit snugly on the feet and be fastened with shoelaces, if they are of the lace-up variety. No flip flops or beach footwear are permitted, likewise, no shoes with flashing lights or wheels. Runners are needed for games and PE classes.

10. Jewellery, Hair and Make-up

Students may not wear chains, and/or spiked jewellery. Makeup may not be worn (see note under Grades Seven and Eight). Head shaving, dying in unnatural colours and bleaching of hair is not allowed. No tattoos and body piercing (other than one earring per ear) are acceptable at our school.

11. For Grades One through Three: Small post earrings (no larger than earlobe) are okay at this age. Indoor shoes/ slippers are required for these grades; please ensure they fit snugly on the feet. Avoid open back clog type shoes that can easily slip off during circle activities.

12. For Grade Seven and Eight: Modest earrings become acceptable as does clear lip-gloss. Subtle, natural looking makeup may be worn at the teacher's discretion. Medium color nail polish may be worn but is not recommended for strings players. Hair highlights and fringes, as long as they are of a naturally occurring colour and natural in appearance, are allowed.