

Lower School/Preschool Dress Code

We believe that standards of neatness and appropriateness in clothing encourage an atmosphere conducive to learning. Appearance reflects respect for school and self. Modifications will be made as the activity warrants.

The following applies to all 1st through 4th grade students regardless of gender. Please see the “Preschool/Kindergarten” section below for developmentally appropriate clothing guidelines for these students. In addition to the following, the school reserves the right to address any clothing issue that is deemed distracting to the learning environment.

Note: No denim clothing of any type is permitted in 1st through fourth grade.

Clothing permitted:

- dress shorts of appropriate length- we suggest “beyond fingertip length”, although growing children may find that their dress shorts are a bit shorter than that depending upon arm and leg growth. This is okay- do your best, we understand. (during the months of August, September, October, April and May only),
- skirts and dresses (all skirts and dresses must cover the entire bottom when sitting and bending),
- slacks, pants and capris
- button-down shirts and blouses
- turtlenecks,
- collared knit shirts,
- shirts with a jewel neck or a banded collar designed as part of short/pant matching set,
- sweaters or fleeces,
- Sayre logo t-shirts (Sayre T-shirts are the only ones that can be worn except on dress down day)
- Sayre logo sweatshirts with or without a hood (they are the only sweatshirts that may be worn),
- leggings or legging type pants (**can only be worn with a skirt, dress, or shirt that covers the full bottom**),
- tennis shoes, dress shoes (no high heel), sandal with a back strap or any well-kept casual shoe

Clothing NOT permitted:

- any clothing with words or lettering (other than Sayre School),

- Backless or low cut apparel
- See through clothing
- Shirts that do not cover the midriff
- Tank tops, Spaghetti straps
- Short shorts
- Short skirts or mini-skirts
- Denim/jeans
- Sweatshirts or T-shirts that do not have the Sayre logo
- Camouflage Attire
- Athletic apparel, exercise pants and sweatpants
- Flip flops, shoes with wheels or open backed shoes of any kind
- Hats, hoods or sunglasses in the building

Special Program Dress:

We have a few Special Dress days in the Lower School each year. Special Program Dress Code begins in First Grade and includes: dresses, skirts and blouses or dressy pants outfits of any color or pattern, or dress shirt and pants. Dress jackets are optional. (Please note: If this is a PE day for your child he/she must also bring PE clothes and sneakers and/or appropriate shoes for recess.) Everyday shoes are acceptable.

Dress Down/Spirit Days:

Every Friday will be a Dress Down/Spirit Day. On these days, and the others that warrant a more casual dress, the dress code is relaxed and students may wear jeans and a Tshirt. We encourage students to support the school by wearing a Sayre Tshirt or sweatshirt. Per Sayre School Dress Code Policy, although not particularly relevant at the Lower School level, no shirts with alcohol, drugs or gun logos are allowed at Sayre even on dress down days. Sayre logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, and Sayre team athletic shirts are always appropriate to show Sayre spirit. Denim is permitted on these days.

Dress Code Infractions:

On a regular school day, if a student is not in compliance with the dress code, a conversation will be had with the child and the parent will be notified by the classroom teacher. If repetitive infractions occur, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes for their child to the school. If clothing is significantly distracting to the classroom, a child may remain in the office until properly dressed. If an ongoing problem develops related to a child's clothing, a parent

conference may be scheduled with the Head of the Lower School to develop a plan for resolving the issue.

Kindergarten and Preschool

Our days in preschool and kindergarten are very busy and involve a lot of movement and hands-on activities. Your child should come dressed in clothing that is comfortable, easily washable, and allows him/her to engage fully in both indoor and outdoor activities. Your child's clothing may be exposed to paint, glue, markers, dirt and other fun, tactile materials, so please do not send your child in clothes that are "special" or need to be kept clean. Be sure that clothes can be easily washed and managed by your child in the bathroom without assistance. For safety reasons, children must wear comfortable shoes that stay securely on their feet. **All shoes must have "backs"; No flip flops, clogs or open backed shoes of any kind are allowed.**

Please be sure to dress your children appropriately for the weather. Outdoor play is an important component of our program and we will be going outside daily, weather permitting.

At all ages, please label all clothing with your child's name!