

**Sayre Preschool/Lower School
Dress Code 2019-2020**

We believe that standards of neatness and appropriateness in clothing encourage an atmosphere more conducive to learning. Appearance reflects respect for School and Self. The purpose for the student dress code is to contribute in a positive way to the daily school learning environment. Modifications will be made as the activity warrants.

The following applies to all students 1st through 5th grade unless otherwise noted. Please see the “Preschool” 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 fifth grade.

Females:

Clothing permitted:

- dress shorts that are beyond fingertip length (during the months of August, September, October, April and May only),
- skirts or dresses (all skirts or dresses must cover the entire bottom when sitting and bending which is beyond fingertip length),
- slacks,
- button-down shirts (all shirts with long tails must be tucked in),
- 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 t-shirts (they are the only t-shirt that may be worn and must be solid in color),
- Sayre 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), or any well-kept casual shoe,

Please note:

- it is expected that all shirts will completely cover the midriff; and all tops must be appropriately modest for school (no thin straps),
- it is expected that leggings or legging type pants will be worn only with a skirt, dress, or long shirt
- all shorts, dresses, and skirts must be of an appropriate length covering the entire bottom when sitting or bending which is beyond fingertip length;

Clothing NOT permitted:

- any clothing with words or lettering (other than Sayre School),
- oversized slacks or shorts,
- short shorts (any shorts more than 4” above the knee or above fingertip length),
- denim/jeans
- sweatshirts that do not have the Sayre logo,
- t-shirts that do not have the Sayre logo,
- “spaghetti” strapped shirts, strapless tops, bare midriff, or low cut shirts,
- athletic apparel, sweatpants, or clothing in ill repair,
- flip flops or open backed shoes of any kind,
- hats

Males:

Clothing permitted:

- dress shorts that are beyond fingertip length (during the months of Aug., Sept., Oct., April and May only)
- slacks,
- button-down shirts (all shirts with long tails tucked in),
- turtlenecks,
- collared knit shirts (all shirts with long tails must be tucked in),
- shirts with a banded collar may be worn by boys if they are a part of short/pant matching set,
- sweaters and fleeces,
- Sayre t-shirts (they are the only t-shirt that can be worn and must be solid in color),
- Sayre sweatshirts with or without a hood (they are the only sweatshirt that can be worn),
- tennis shoes (must be clean), or any well-kept casual or dress shoe

Please note:

- it is expected that all shorts be of an appropriate length and that no oversized slacks or shorts will be worn.

Clothing NOT permitted:

- any clothing with words or lettering (other than Sayre logo),
- oversized slacks or shorts,
- denim/jeans
- sweatshirts that do not have the Sayre logo,
- t-shirts that do not have the Sayre logo,
- sweat pants, or camouflage,
- athletic apparel, or clothing in ill repair,
- flip flops or open backed shoe of any kind,
- hats

Special Program Dress:

Beginning in First Grade, girls must wear dresses, skirts and blouses or dressy pants outfits of any color or pattern on a **few** Special Program days. Boys must wear 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:

A Dress Down/Spirit Day will be scheduled at least one time during each month. On these days, and the others that warrant a more casual dress, the dress code is relaxed and students may wear jeans. Sayre logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, and Sayre team athletic shirts are preferred to show Sayre spirit. Jeans are 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. 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 clothes 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 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. *Please label all clothing with your child's name!*