

DRESS CODE 2020-2021 (Including COVID-19 Mask Requirement)

The faculty and student dress code contributes in a positive way to the daily school environment. The dress code reflects the school climate: one of studious engagement in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Appropriate dress code includes: pants, slacks, capris, shorts, dresses and skirts. Acceptable shirts include: collared shirts, blouses, sweaters, and fleeces, as well as Sayre logo t-shirts and sweatshirts. This applies to all school days including dress down days and special program dress.

Upon arrival, all students are required to be in appropriate school attire. All attire must be neat, modest, and respectful of the school community. Students wear a PE uniform for PE, and may come dressed in the uniform if PE is first hour, or may leave in PE clothing if it is last hour.

Foot Attire includes casual shoes, tennis shoes, and sandals.

Special Program Dress Code includes: sport coat, dress shirt, tie, and dress slacks OR skirts with appropriate tops, pantsuits, or dresses, with appropriate footwear (no tennis shoes or flip flops).

Items not permitted at school:

Backless or low cut apparel, see-through clothing, spaghetti straps (less than 3 fingers in width), midriff baring tops, tank tops, camouflage attire, leggings worn as pants, yoga pants or other exercise pants, printed top or t-shirts other than the Sayre logo, miniskirts, denim, torn clothing, hats, or sunglasses in the building. No shirts with alcohol, drugs or gun logos allowed even on dress down days. No rubber sandals or flip-flops.

Students who disregard the dress code will be given a behavior slip or asked to call home for a change of clothes. They may also be required to dress up on subsequent days.

Dress down days will be observed for special occasions only and will be proposed by the Student Council and approved by the Student Council Advisor(s) and the Middle School Head.

Dress down attire: on Dress down days, students are permitted to wear jeans (without holes or rips) as well as casual t-shirts or t-shirts with words. Only appropriate language is permitted, of course.

Masks: A “snug-fitting mask (or face covering) that closely covers the nose and mouth” is required to be worn at all times during the pandemic if we are conducting in-person school. Please choose a mask and practice wearing it for comfort, including for extended periods while talking. **Masks must be free of words or logos.** Please note that sports “gaiters” and/or bandanas do not meet the requirement, as they do not sufficiently prevent the spread of disease. Face shields are permitted, but they do not take the place of a mask and may only be worn in addition to, not in lieu of, a mask.

Students are expected to bring their own masks. If a student arrives at school without a mask, one will be provided. However, it is the expectation that students will come with a suitable mask or cloth face covering.

Please be in touch if your child has a medical condition that impacts her/his ability to wear a mask for the entirety of the school day.

As with all aspects of the dress code, the wearing of a mask is a basic rule. However, unlike other dress code items, adherence to this rule impacts the wellbeing of others and is, therefore, more crucial. It is a new expectation and we are all getting used to it. While faculty will be cheerful in encouraging students to maintain proper mask wearing, students who do not wear a mask will not be able to remain in the classroom. Our goal is to work in a positive way with students and families to ensure strict adherence to these rules, with the priority being safety. If students are asked three or more times to put their mask on, or to wear it properly (covering both the nose and the mouth), they

will be sent home immediately, or be given a one day, out-of-school suspension followed by a video conference with the Middle School Head.

A student with repeated concerns will be sent home, and a videoconference will be arranged with the student, parents, and Middle School Head.

Remote instruction: If the school should go to remote instruction, students must arrive in regular school dress or “dress down” attire for every class meeting. Students may not come to remote class in pajamas, and will be asked to change clothing and return. In that case, an additional required study hall hour will be assigned.