



2024-25 MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Our dress code is grounded in our Benedictine values. We recognize the ways in which our attire reflects our individuality and recognize that adhering to the following guidelines demonstrates an understanding of one's responsibility to live within the standards set for this community.

Guiding Principles:

- Unify the whole school through a single dress code, which allows both individual expression and consistency within the community.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of race, sex, gender identity, ethnicity, religion, or body type/size.
- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school and engage in the educational environment.
- Help students navigate the ways in which their attire is appropriate for the task at hand.

General Rules for All Times:

- Clothing should be **clean** and **in good repair**. Shoes must cover the heel completely or secure the back of the foot with a strap.
- A student's outfit should **cover their midriff and reach their mid-thigh**.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Items that include images or messages pertaining to hate speech, objectification of others, alcohol, drugs, violence, or profanity are prohibited.
- Hats and hoods may be worn outside but should be removed when students go **inside**.
- Students may not wear tank tops, pajama pants, flip-flops, or slides.

School Day Attire:

- Students are encouraged to come to class wearing clothing that respects the seriousness of the academic purpose, such as jeans, t-shirts, skirts, shorts, and other clean clothing in good repair.
- Students enrolled in PE are required to change their clothes prior to and after PE.
- Students should wear comfortable shoes such as sneakers, sandals (with a back strap), or boots, which allow them to move easily and safely around our diverse campus environment, including stairs, the garden, and unpaved walkways.

Mass Days:

- On Mass Days, students should wear slacks or skirts (no jeans, leggings, or shorts) and either a solid navy blue blazer or solid navy sweater (e.g., cardigan or crew neck sweater) over a white collared shirt or blouse with **shoes in good repair**. Crocs, UGGs, flip flops/slides, or similar lounge footwear are prohibited. **Skirt/dress length must lay at a minimum of mid-thigh..** Blazers and sweaters may be removed during the class periods that follow the morning Mass or Academic Awards.

Professional Dress Day:

- Occasionally, students may be asked to dress up to participate in activities such as open houses, field trips, and special events. Professional dress includes slacks, skirts, collared shirts, blouses, and shoes in good repair. Crocs, UGGs, flip flops/slides, or similar lounge footwear are prohibited.