

Dress Code Policy

DRESS CODE

Dress codes at Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning are mandatory. Dress and grooming standards are part of the dress code policy. The purpose of the dress code policy is to help create a safe environment, improve the classroom learning atmosphere, and promote the concept of crew. Promontory School believes that dress codes will promote a sense of school unity and ensure that every child comes dressed to learn, while instilling responsibility and respect for themselves and their peers. It is expected that students will adhere to the following dress code policy guidelines and that parents will support their students and the school in enforcing the dress code policy.

STUDENT PRESENTATION & GROOMING

Students must present a modest, clean, and neat appearance at all times.

- ❖ All clothing must be clean, appropriately sized, and worn correctly. Pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist. Shoes must be tied or fastened. Clothing shall not be excessively worn or have holes.
- ❖ Hair must be clean, have a combed appearance, and be appropriate for school. Hairstyles and colors should not be distracting and should be appropriate for school.

TOPS

- ❖ Tops must be a solid color as illustrated below.
- ❖ Tops must be a solid tight knit. No lace or crochet, for example.
- ❖ Tops must have a collar (not detachable) and be a polo or button-down, plain, with no printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable).
- ❖ Dresses are considered tops and need to follow those color guidelines.



- ❖ Tops must:
 - Be long enough to tuck.
 - Have sleeves that cover the shoulders and under the arm.
 - Not be sheer or otherwise revealing.
 - Not be torn or purposely frayed.
 - Not be denim.
 - Not have embellishments (i.e., lace), unless the same color as top.
 - Be clean.
- ❖ A shirt worn underneath the collared top must be a solid color consistent with dress code policy colors and plain with no visible printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable).
- ❖ Any sweaters, vests, hoodies, or jackets worn inside the classroom must be a solid color consistent with dress code policy colors and requirements, plain, with no printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable). Hoods may not be worn inside the building. Any size Promontory School logo is acceptable.

BOTTOMS



- ❖ Bottoms must be a solid neutral color (**White** or of any shade **Blue, Brown, Gray, Green, and Black**).
- ❖ Bottoms are considered skirts, jumpers, overalls, skorts, shorts, capris, or pants and may be no shorter than the tips of the fingers. Clothing must be worn under skirts to cover undergarments, i.e., tights, leggings, and shorts. Leggings and tights must be an opaque (not sheer) solid color consistent with dress code policy colors and are not allowed unless worn under a skirt/skort/dress which is still no shorter than the tips of the fingers. "Jogger" style golf/work pants are permitted as long as they don't meet any workout or loungewear criteria (i.e. sweat-like fabrics.)
- ❖ Bottoms must:
 - Be no shorter than the tips of the fingers.
 - Be worn around the waist.
 - Have no holes (patches matching color and hidden).
 - Be clean.

- ❖ No traditional wash blue jeans, sweats, knit or sweat-like fabric, workout clothing, basketball-style or athletic pants/shorts are allowed except for camping (see below).

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- ❖ Dresses must be a solid color.
- ❖ Dresses may be worn that have a collar or collared shirt underneath and are no shorter than the tips of the fingers.
- ❖ Leggings and tights must be an opaque (not sheer) solid color consistent with dress code policy colors and are not allowed unless worn under a knee length skirt/skort/dress which is still no shorter than the tips of the fingers.
- ❖ Dresses must:
 - Have sleeves that cover the shoulders and under the arm.
 - Not be sheer or otherwise revealing.
 - Not be torn or purposely frayed.
 - Not be denim.
 - Not have embellishments (i.e., lace), unless the same color as dress. o Be clean

FLEXIBLE FRIDAYS

- ❖ Free choice of modest, clean, and in good repair (no holes) clothing may be worn. No offensive graphics are allowed.

ACCESSORIES

- ❖ Any makeup, jewelry, or hair accessories worn should be appropriate for school and not distract from the learning environment.
- ❖ Body piercing will be limited to earrings that do not draw undue attention or present a danger to the person wearing them.
- ❖ No hats of any kind (including baseball caps) or sunglasses may be worn in the building.
- ❖ Belts and ties, if worn, should be conservative in style and not distracting.

FOOTWEAR

- ❖ Footwear must be appropriate for P.E. and outdoor activities. Footwear may have open toes but must have a strap or some kind of back on the shoe so that it doesn't slip off the feet.
- ❖ Shoes and socks should be conservative in style and not distracting. No wheelies are permitted.
- ❖ Students will need a pair of sturdy hiking or walking shoes for outside excursions. It is possible that a specific type of shoe will be needed for a specific activity (i.e. rock climbing, back packing, water activities, etc.). If so, notification will be given in advance.

OUTERWEAR

- ❖ Winter coats, jackets, gloves, hats, and other outerwear are not considered dress code items and should not be worn inside the classroom. Any items worn inside the classroom must be consistent with the school dress code policy colors and requirements.
- ❖ A rain jacket is not required for regular classroom use but is encouraged as it is likely to be used on outdoor fieldwork.

FIELDWORK DRESS CODE



Unless notified differently, students should wear an official Promontory School fieldwork shirt or any shade **BLUE COLLARED SHIRT** and any dress code bottoms on fieldwork. This is not a “dress down” activity. When students leave the building for fieldwork, they represent Promontory School. This fieldwork dress code will also help chaperones more quickly identify Promontory students.

- ❖ Some fieldwork activities do call for a “dress down” dress code, and teachers will notify parents to specify in advance when activities call for dressing down. An official **PROMONTORY FIELDWORK T-SHIRT** or solid **BLUE T-SHIRT** and **BLUE JEANS**, or bottoms appropriate for the activity, may be worn on teacher-specified “dress down” fieldwork. All other dress codes rules apply.
- ❖ An official **PROMONTORY FIELDWORK T-SHIRT** will be provided by the school at the start of each school year with the expectation to be worn on all fieldworks unless directed

otherwise by their teachers. Fieldwork shirts will also be available for purchase throughout the school year.

- ❖ Spirit t-shirts, i.e., school fundraiser t-shirts, race shirts, etc. are not to be worn on fieldwork.

CAMPING DRESS CODE

We recognize camping is a different learning environment. Students should be prepared to get dirty but also remember the modesty standards from the dress code policy. The daily school dress code is appropriate on campouts, and additional dress code options are as follows:

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- ❖ For camping, shirts may include any solid color t-shirt, with no printing or graphics (small brand name logo, no larger than 1.5" square, is acceptable).
- ❖ An **Official Promontory Fieldwork T-shirt** may be worn for such camping activities.
- ❖ Spirit t-shirts (school fundraiser t-shirts, race t-shirts, etc.) may be worn camping.

BOTTOMS

- ❖ Jeans are allowed; however, they must meet standard dress code policies: no shorter than the tips of the fingers, no holes, tears, or writing. They also need to be worn at the waist.

SWIMWEAR

- ❖ Must be modest in appearance, appropriate for the activity, clean, appropriate fitting, and in good repair, no holes. Avoid extremes.
- ❖ Boy may wear regular swim trunks (no Speedo-type)
- ❖ Girls may wear one- or two-piece swimming suits with no midriff visible, no low-cut bodice, and no high cut legs.
- ❖ When wearing swimwear outside of the water, all students must wear a t-shirt, life vest, or dri-fit water shirt. The lead teacher or the administration has discretion to make decisions for safety concerns.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE & CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Students are expected to be in school dress code unless notified differently by their teacher.

PASSAGE PRESENTATIONS DRESS CODE POLICY

Students are expected to wear school dress code or best dress, while adhering to modesty standards, for their Passage

OTHER ATTIRE

Students may choose other attire such as backpacks, purses, etc. that are not offensive and are appropriate to our learning environment.

Dress code items not explicitly covered but considered inappropriate or contrary to the purpose of the Dress Code Policy are subject to review by the administrators in charge of executing the Dress Code Policy.

EXEMPTION

Dress code compliance is mandatory with no opt-out policy other than stated below. Dress code policy exemption will be granted by the director based on:

- ❖ Religious beliefs
- ❖ Extenuating circumstances.

The administration will develop ways of assisting economically disadvantaged students who are unable to meet the dress code policy requirements because of economic circumstances.

GENERAL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This Policy is intended to create a framework to meet the purpose described in the introduction to this policy. As styles change and questions arise, the school administration, as the Board of Directors' designee, has the authority to determine if a student's attire or appearance conforms to the provisions contained in this Policy. If a student violates the dress code policy, the discipline procedures outlined by the director should be followed.