

## UNIFORM/DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

**\*\* We expect cheerful, consistent commitment to the dress code policy from all students, parents, and staff. This is designed to promote our focus on academics and group solidarity. \*\***

UNDERCLOTHING Always worn, never seen

SOCKS/TIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leggings may not be worn in place of slacks, but may be worn under skirts</li> <li>• Black, White, Navy preferred, but bold/bright/patterned socks/tights are acceptable</li> <li>• No unwholesome phrases/visuals</li> </ul>
TOPS/SHIRTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polos must be long enough to be tucked, but do not need to be tucked. Oxford and dress shirts must be tucked in</li> <li>• Solid colors (red, white, navy blue, black)</li> <li>• Polo, oxford shirts; cardigans, turtle/mock turtle necks, sweater vests, sweaters (see Gap/Old Navy/Child's Place for uniform tops)</li> <li>• Merit Academy hoodies</li> <li>• Local club or team hoodies or polos for whom the Merit student participates are permitted on the day of/before (if on a weekend) an event</li> </ul>
PANTS/SHORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must fit the student (not overly tight, not overly baggy)</li> <li>• Longer than fingertip length</li> <li>• Khakis and slacks</li> <li>• Solid colors (red, navy blue, black, khaki/tan)</li> <li>• Jeans (darker color, black or solid color blue denims are acceptable)</li> <li>• Not acceptable:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sweatpants/athletic wear (can be worn for PE)</li> <li>○ Leggings, unless worn under skirt, see socks/tights for guidelines</li> <li>○ No pants/shorts with holes, rips, frays, decorations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SKIRTS/SKORTS/ DRESSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hem must be longer than fingertip length</li> <li>• Solid colors (red, navy blue, black, khaki/tan)</li> <li>• Cartwheel/bike shorts, leggings, tights to be worn under shorter (fingertip length) skirts/dresses</li> <li>• Dresses must be polo-type, uniform layered, or sweater dresses, except on special occasion. No strapless, spaghetti strap dresses. Must adhere to above guidelines, colors, etc.</li> <li>• Skirts/dresses may also be Red/Navy plaid only from French Toast</li> </ul>
SHOES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No shoes with wheels</li> <li>• No flipflops</li> <li>• Snowboots permitted, but must be worn only when outside (recess, lunch, etc.) Please bring indoor shoes to wear during winter months</li> <li>• Heels must be 2" or less</li> </ul>

PE: students may wear black, white, red, or navy t-shirts and black or navy gym-shorts or sweatpants, ONLY to be worn during PE class. Shorts must be at least fingertip length. Shoes must be non-marking and appropriate for running.

Example approved uniform clothing (not all inclusive, but for ideas):



Girls Uniform Long Sleeve 2 In 1 Sweate

Girls Uniform Long Sleeve Ruffle Open

Boys Uniform Woven Chi



FINDED SIZES

Girls Uniform Woven Pleated Skort



Girls Uniform Long Sleeve Pique Po

