

Part Nine:

THE DRESS CODE

The Dress Code sets a minimum standard for acceptable attire at various School functions. Although some current "fads" may not fit the stated code, it does provide a reasonable opportunity for all to dress "in fashion." Everyone is expected to exercise good habits of personal grooming.

1. CLASSROOM DRESS

Required at the following times:

- 1) During the entire academic day in all areas of the school, except on residential corridors;
- 2) At all family-style meals throughout the year;
- 3) For Sunday Chapel and Wednesday Dinner and Chapel;
- 4) Other important occasions as announced;
- 5) Wednesday cafeteria lunch (sport coats, blazers or cardigans must be worn into the meal, but may be removed if the individual is uncomfortable.)

Boys

- sport or suit jacket, or blazer (must be worn, not simply carried)
- appropriate collared shirt (must button down entire front) with necktie
- turtleneck or turtleneck and appropriate collared shirts may substitute for shirt and tie;
 - (mock turtlenecks are not permitted)
- slacks (must be neat, clean and properly fitting--no jeans or pants with any kind of rivets, no
 - work pants or cargo pants, no colored denim);
- belt (if slacks have belt loops);
- socks.
- any shoes, **leather** sandals or boots in good repair;
 - no athletic shoes, flip-flops, or shower shoes.

Girls

- dress (not strapless or backless); bra straps and navels must not show;
- skirt with "dressy top" (i.e., non-hooded, non-zippered, non-athletic shirt);
 - skirts must come down at least to the tip of the middle finger (with arms extended at the sides);
- shirt and dress slacks with matching jacket, blazer or cardigan (no pullover)
 - slacks must be neat, clean and properly fitting--no jeans or pants with any kind of rivets, no work pants or cargo pants, no colored denim;
 - jackets, blazers and cardigans must be worn and not simply tied around the waist;
- slippers should be worn as appropriate;
- T-shirts (any shirt resembling athletic or undershirts) **may never** be worn in Classroom Dress;
- sweaters may never be tied around the waist, regardless of circumstances;
- shirts, unless fitted, must be tucked in;
- belt (if slacks or skirt has loops);
- any shoes, **leather** sandals or boots in good repair;
 - no athletic shoes, flip-flops, or shower shoes.

2. HAYCOCK WEAR

Normally haycock wear is permitted for classes and weekday lunches from May 15 through September 30. It is usually required at special programs, plays, etc. Haycock wear is also in effect during Exam periods and the family-style lunches which follow them.

Boys

- Haycock wear is identical to Classroom Dress except that jackets, ties, and socks are not required;
- any collared dress, sport or polo type shirt without any kind of lettering; must be neat, clean, in good condition and tucked in.

Girls

- Haycock wear is identical to Classroom Dress except that blazers or cardigans are not required with slacks
- shirts, unless fitted, must be tucked in and be without any kind of lettering;
 - no hooded, zippered, or athletic shirts;
- T-shirts (any shirt resembling athletic or undershirts) **may never** be worn in Haycock Dress

3. CASUAL DRESS

May be worn at evening cafeteria meals and at cafeteria meals on weekends, including Sunday brunch. May be worn at breakfasts.

Boys and Girls

- any clothes which are neat, clean and **in good repair** -- any shoes in good condition
 - no athletic shorts
 - no men's boxers worn as shorts

NOTE: Students returning from athletic practices or other athletic activities during the afternoons must shower and change before coming to cafeteria dinner.

EXCEPTION: A team returning from a game may come into the dining room without showering and changing, but only after 6:30.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Hair should be neat, clean and combed.
- Boys' hair length below the base of shirt collar is not permitted.
- Punk-type hairstyles are not permitted, nor are pony tails for boys.
- Facial hair is not permitted. Senior boys who return from a major School vacation with an appropriate mustache or neatly-trimmed goatee must petition to retain it.
- Torn or patched clothing is not permitted at any meal, during the academic day or at official School functions.
- Bare feet & bathing suits are not permitted on the main floor of Founders' Hall.
- Tape on shoes is not permitted.
- 100% cotton clothing must be properly ironed.
- Outdoor jackets, down-type vests, warm-up jackets, jeans jackets or other types of outer clothing are not permitted for classes or School meals.
- Hats may not be worn during the academic day, at any meal, in Chapel, in the library, in any professional situation with a faculty member (office, tutor session, advisee meal, etc.), or at any official School function.