



Upper School Dress Standards 2023-2024

Part of our school's philosophy of finding commonalities and developing self-discipline is having our families uphold the school community dress standards. This means that both students and parents are responsible for upholding The Prairie School's guidelines. We also believe in developing an awareness of dressing for the occasion. If a student or parent has a question about whether certain clothing can be worn, it is the student's or parent's responsibility to ask the Division Head before wearing it to school.

Regular Dress Days (school days and all school events)

- Clothing that supports learning:
 - Neat, clean, and appropriate for school and professional settings
 - No sexual, harassing, drug or alcohol references, obscene text or obscene graphics
 - Any messages displayed on clothing should discuss ideas, not people; Specifically, students may not wear clothing advocating for an individual political candidate
 - No frayed, torn, or cut-off clothing
 - Visible undergarments not permitted — camisoles or undershirts may be visible
- Bottoms:
 - Skirts, skorts, pants, jeans, capri pants, shorts and athletic shorts of appropriate length
 - Athletic pants, athleisure wear, solid color opaque leggings — no pajama pants
- Tops:
 - Shirts with sleeves and fabric in the front, back, and sides
 - Tops must overlap bottoms — no bare midriffs — no see-through, sheer, or fishnet material
 - Sweaters, sweatshirts, overshirts, jackets
 - T-shirts with short or long sleeves
- Dresses, rompers, jumpsuits, and overalls are permitted
- Accessories
 - Shoes or sandals required
 - Caps, hats, and hoods are not to be worn inside the school except in the case of religious head coverings
 - Piercings, tattoos, and other body modifications (including hairstyles) should not inhibit learning or prohibit full participation in school activities
 - No blankets as attire

Dress Up Days

- For special events or when a more formal appearance is appropriate, students will be asked to dress in business or business casual attire.

Costume/Spirit Days

- Costumes may be worn only for school-approved days or events
- Costumes must follow regular dress day standards
- Costumes may be worn on approved days as long as they do not:
 - Include a costume mask that covers student's entire face
 - Objectify or ridicule the student wearing the costume, or another individual or group
 - Portray a message that conflicts with the school's inclusivity statement
 - Disrupt the community's values and standards
 - Display offensive or discriminatory imagery

Students in violation of the dress standards will be provided three options to comply with the standard during the school day or school event:

1. Students will be asked in private to put on their own alternative clothing, if available.
2. Students will be privately provided with temporary school clothing.
3. If necessary, the student's guardians may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing.

Repeated dress standard violations may result in disciplinary consequences determined by the administration and potentially the Discipline Committee.