



Middle School Dress Standards 2023-2024

A facet of our school's philosophy of finding commonalities and developing self-discipline is upholding and respecting the school community dress standards. Both students and parents are responsible for enforcement of The Prairie School's guidelines. We 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. Questions are always welcome.

Regular Dress Days (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday)

- Clothing that supports learning: neat, clean, and appropriate; nothing ripped
- Navy blue or khaki Bermuda shorts or capri pants
- Navy blue or khaki pants
- Navy blue, khaki, or Prairie plaid skirt or skort (optional solid blue, red, or white leggings underneath)
- Optional black or brown leather belt or khaki, solid blue, red, or white cloth belt
- Navy, light blue, red, or white collared shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Solid blue, red, white, gray, or black sweatshirt or sweater (no logos or very small logo) with a collared shirt underneath
- For Casual Days only - Prairie logo wear (t-shirts, sweatshirts)
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes appropriate for outdoor recess
- Outdoor appropriate recess wear, layers work best as the weather changes quickly

Blazer Dress Days (Wednesdays beginning in the fall through May 2024)

- Navy blue blazer
- White or light blue collared dress shirt
- Khaki pants
- Navy blue, khaki, or Prairie plaid skirt or skort (optional solid blue, red, or white leggings underneath)
- Prairie-issued school tie (required for boys, optional for others) from the MS Office. Families will be billed no more than \$30 per tie in FACTS.
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes

Casual Dress Days (Every Friday, unless communicated otherwise)

- Clothing that supports learning: neat, clean, and appropriate; nothing ripped or torn
 - No sexual, harassing, drug or alcohol references, obscene text or graphics
 - Bottoms and tops must overlap (no bare midriffs)
- Athletic pants, athleisure wear, solid color opaque leggings, jeans
- Prairie logo wear (t-shirts, sweatshirts)
- Shorts or capri pants
- Skirts or dresses
- Sweaters or sweatshirts
- T-shirts with short or long sleeves (no tank tops)
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes

- Caps, hats, and hoods are not to be worn inside the school except in the case of religious head coverings

Physical Education Dress (Students should take these items home weekly for washing)

- Athletic shoes to be left in PE locker (students will be given a combination lock to be used) by our PE teachers. No platform tennis shoes.
- Deodorant/body spray
- Towel
- T-shirt and shorts, sweatshirt and sweatpants (colder weather)

Students in violation of the dress standards will be provided three options to be dressed to standard during the school day:

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.

Middle School Supply List 2023-2024

Families must provide the following items, labeled with your child's name:

- Backpack - we recommend rolling backpacks for physical health and comfort
- Plastic pencil pouch or box to store supplies
- Storage system of your choice that includes five pockets (binder, expandable accordion file, etc.)
- Earbuds or headphones - critical for individual use of Chromebooks
- Pair of indoor gym shoes to be kept in locker
- Pens (do not need to be labeled)
- Pencils (do not need to be labeled)
- Beach towel, for use in the event of outdoor classes
- Water bottle

Prairie will provide the following items:

- Spiral notebooks, with colors corresponding to specific subjects
- Folders, with colors corresponding to specific subjects
- Paper agenda
- Colored pencils
- Colored markers
- Dry erase markers
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Index cards