



## **Middle School Dress Standards**

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.

### **Grades 6-8:**

Navy blue or tan Bermuda (long) shorts and uniform skorts are appropriate from the opening of the school year until cooler weather arrives (mid October), and from May until the end of the academic year. Non-uniform shorts may be worn for physical education. A Prairie plaid skirt or skort (girls) and/or navy blue or tan slacks are appropriate year-round.

Shirts must be collared and worn under sweatshirts or hoodies. Long or short-sleeved polo shirts, sweaters, socks, and leggings may be white, navy blue, light blue, or red. Sweatshirts should be plain red, navy, or those that have the Prairie School logo only. The Prairie plaid skirts/skorts ("classic navy large plaid") may be found at [Land's End](#). Blue or tan uniform pants and shorts may be purchased at your preferred retailer.

### **Blazer Dress Days**

#### **Wednesdays beginning on Grandparents' & Special Friends Day through May, 2025**

Navy blue blazer, white or light blue collared dress shirt, khaki pants, navy blue, khaki, or Prairie plaid skirt or skort with optional solid blue, red, or white leggings underneath (girls). Prairie-issued school tie (required for boys, optional for others) from the MS Office. Families will be billed \$15 per tie in FACTS. Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes.

### **Casual Dress Days**

Casual day happens every Friday unless otherwise noted. Neat and clean dress standards should be maintained. "Neat and clean" includes tasteful sweatshirts, blue jeans (no rips or fraying), warm-up suits, and shorts of an appropriate length, weather permitting. Students may not wear clothing that distracts attention from learning. Articles of clothing or accessories (water bottles, folders, etc) that display obscene or inappropriate messaging or messages advocating for an individual political candidate or any type of political messaging either for or against a candidate or party are not appropriate school attire. Clothing and/or accessories may not portray a message that conflicts with the school's inclusivity statement, disrupt the community's values and standards, or display offensive or discriminatory imagery.

### **Costume/Spirit Days**

Costumes may be worn only for school-approved days or events, and must follow regular dress day standards. Costumes may be worn on approved days as long as they do not include a mask that covers the student's entire face, or objectify or ridicule the student wearing the costume or another individual or group. They cannot portray a message that conflicts with the school's inclusivity statement, disrupt the community's values and standards, or display offensive or discriminatory imagery.

### **Smartwatches**

Middle School students may not wear Apple Watches, Gizmowatches, or similar devices during the school day. Please see Prairie's Away For the School Day policy for more details.



## **Middle School Supply List 2024-2025**

### **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
- Earbuds or headphones for individual use of Chromebooks
- Pair of indoor gym shoes to be kept in locker
- Shorts and t-shirt for P.E. Students do not shower, but do need to change into non-restricting shorts/t-shirts to be taken home each week for washing.
- Pens (do not need to be labeled)
- Pencils (do not need to be labeled)
- Water bottle

### **Prairie will provide the following items:**

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