

Lynx Campus - Dress Code Policy

Schools Uniforms

Students are required to wear the OSS uniform while on campus and to present themselves in a way that promotes cleanliness, neatness, and safety. We want our students to look and feel their best; a professional appearance can help achieve that. We understand that dress codes can sometimes be a sensitive topic, but by working together, we can create a positive and professional learning environment that benefits all students.

To ensure a uniform and cohesive appearance on campus, all students, *including* those who are dual-enrolled, must follow the same dress code policy. This helps promote a sense of unity and consistency among the student body. Of course, we recognize that there may be situations where students need to change out of their uniforms, such as participating in P.E. or other school activities that require non-uniform clothing. However, students are required to change back into their uniforms when they're done.

School administration will determine if any mode of dress, grooming, or accessories violates the spirit or intent of the policy. Still, we trust that our students and parents will comply with the policy to avoid disruptions to our valuable instructional time.

To make sure that all students have access to quality uniforms, we ask that you purchase all school uniform shirts, shorts, pants, skirts, jackets, and physical education clothing from the uniform provider designated by the school, which is Risse Brothers (<https://www.rissebrothers.com/>). (Gently used uniforms may also be available for purchase directly from the school.) By doing so, we can ensure that all students wear the appropriate uniform that meets our school's standards for quality and consistency.

Students may sometimes unintentionally or *intentionally* violate the dress code policy. In those cases, we will ask the student to call home for an appropriate change of clothing. If the student cannot correct their dress code violation, they may be asked to spend the rest of the school day in the PASS Room.

We take dress code violations seriously, and non-correctable violations are documented in OSS Connect and may result in disciplinary consequences. Also, the school yearbook will not include photographs of students who do not adhere to the dress code policy.

Our goal is to create a professional and respectful learning environment, and we believe that following the dress code policy is essential to achieving that.

Please note that updates to the dress code policy may occur during the school year at the discretion of the school administration. We will communicate any changes to students and parents as soon as possible.



Dress Code Policy in Detail

1. Uniforms:

- a. Students must wear complete and correct uniforms when they arrive at the OSS campus. This means that shirts must be tucked into shorts, pants, or skirts, belts must be worn with all pants and shorts, and shoes must be tied. Students must wear their uniform appropriately throughout the entire day while on campus.
- b. Students must remain in full uniform until after they leave the OSS campus, including during club times and while waiting in the dismissal and after-care areas.
- c. Students who ride the bus to school must be in complete uniform when they get on the bus.

2. Top Options:

- a. Knit (polo) shirts must be a pique or jersey fabric in the school-appropriate color with the OSS school logo visible. Knit shirts can be either short- or long-sleeved and must always be tucked into the shorts, pants, or skirt the student is wearing.
- b. Sweatshirts must be the school-appropriate color with the OSS school logo visible. When wearing a sweatshirt, the student must still wear an OSS uniform polo shirt underneath the sweatshirt – the sweatshirt cannot be worn alone. Sweatshirts may not be worn around the waist.
- c. Long sleeves/turtlenecks must be the school-appropriate color, and the OSS school logo is required. These shirts must always be tucked into the shorts, pants, skirt, or skirt the student is wearing. Long sleeve/turtleneck shirts that are *not* school colors may not be worn under the short sleeve knit shirts.
- d. Vests, hoodies, sweaters, and shirts must be the school-appropriate color and embroidered with the OSS school name/logo. OSS uniform vests, hoodies, and sweaters must be a solid color with no graphics. Sweaters or hoodies may not be worn around the waist, and students MUST NOT wear the hood on their heads while indoors. Level 2 disciplinary consequences may be issued for repeated misconduct.
- e. Polo fleece must be the school-appropriate color, and the embroidered OSS school logo

is required. When wearing a polo fleece, the student must still wear an OSS shirt underneath – the fleece cannot be worn alone. Fleece may not be worn around the waist.

- f. Jackets must be the school-appropriate color and embroidered with the OSS school logo. Non-OSS Hoodies are prohibited on the OSS campus, even on dress-down days.
- g. All top options must be purchased from the school's designated uniform provider, which is Risse Brothers (<https://www.rissebrothers.com/>)
- h. School Spirit or Club T-shirts may be worn instead of uniform shirts only on Fridays or when authorized by an OSS school administrator.

3. Pants or Shorts:

- a. All pants or shorts must be either khaki, black, or navy blue and have belt loops that must be worn with a belt. The pockets must be side seam pockets in the front and sewn inside for back pockets. We kindly request that outside pockets, rivets, brads, split seams, flaps on pockets, or cargo shorts are not worn to school. We believe that 100% cotton or a cotton/polyester blend that is wrinkle-resistant is the best material for pants and shorts. If students are observed wearing inappropriate clothing, they will be asked to call home for acceptable attire or given an alternative. **Please be aware that bottoms with any form of writing, designs, rips, or tears cannot be worn to school.**
- b. All pants or shorts must be worn properly at the waist and not sag below the top of the hips. Students wearing the top of their pants or shorts below their hips or exposing their undergarments may be issued a disciplinary referral. All pants or shorts may not be rolled up or folded up. **Shorts must be longer than fingertip length when standing with hands to the side.** All pants and blue jeans must be full leg length and cover the ankles when standing. The legs of all pants, blue/black jeans, and shorts must not be form-fitting.
- c. Physical Education shorts are only permitted to be worn in school during physical education class time. **Shorts must be longer than fingertip length when standing with hands to the side.**

4. Skirts or Skorts:

- a. Skirts or skorts must be either khaki, black, or navy blue. All skirts and skorts must not be made of khaki, jean, suede, or corduroy material. No splits are permitted in the skirt at all. **Skirts and skorts must be longer than fingertip length when standing with hands to the side.** Skirts and skorts must not be rolled or folded at the waistband - students wearing their skirts or skorts too short may be issued a disciplinary referral.
- b. Jeans, sweats, and pajama bottoms apparel must not be worn under the skirt or skort. For modesty purposes, leggings or shorts may be worn under skirts or skorts. However, any clothing that extends below the skirt or skort in a standing or seating position must not be worn at any time.
- c. Shoes:**
- d. Acceptable shoes include conservative dress shoes, sport/walking shoes, loafers,

sneakers, and leather deck-type shoes.

- e. Acceptable shoes must **primarily** be in solid black, white, brown, gray, or navy blue colors. Socks must always be worn with shoes.
- f. Shoes must be closed-toed and appropriately tied, with buckles fastened and straps secured. Slippers, thin-soled shoes, flip-flops, and open-toed shoes are not allowed.
- g. Boots, Uggs, clog or slipper-style Crocs, roller shoes, and high-heeled shoes are prohibited.
- h. Athletic shoes with spikes or lugged soles are allowed only for physical education or school-sponsored athletic activities and not inside the school building.

5. Accessories:

- a. Belts must be made of leather, braided leather, or fabric in solid colors of black, brown, gray, navy blue, or khaki. Belts and buckles must be inconspicuous and not draw attention.
- b. Belts must be worn properly with all pants or shorts, going through all belt loops, and fastened securely. The end of the belt must not hang down, and the belt must be tightened enough to prevent the pants or shorts from sagging below the hips. Large, decorative, or elaborate belt buckles are not allowed.
- c. Socks, stockings, tights, or hose may only be solid black, khaki, or white. Clear or skin-colored hose are also acceptable. Fishnet or patterned stockings or hose are not permitted.
- d. Stockings, tights, or hose must cover the full length of the student's legs and feet. Leg warmers are not allowed.

6. Miscellaneous Guidelines:

- a. Clothing must be clean, neat, and worn appropriately.
- b. Clothing cannot be worn inside out or backward.
- c. Undergarments must not be visible.
- d. Hair, face, and body paint, as well as tattoos, are not permitted.
- e. Athletic outfits are only allowed in PE classes or on designated dress-down days.
- f. Cosmetics and/or make-up must be age-appropriate, appropriate for school, and not attract attention.
- g. Clothing with rips, tears, holes, or frayed edges is inappropriate for school.
- h. Jewelry and accessories must be appropriate for school and not pose a safety risk. For example, piercings other than earrings are prohibited, and hair accessories must not draw attention or pose a danger.
- i. Extreme hairstyles, jewelry, and hair coloring that are not standard frosting or natural highlighting are prohibited. Designs shaved into hair are also prohibited. In addition, any

hair coloring must be a natural color.

- j. Hats, caps, curlers, headscarves, bandanas, doo-rags, combs, sweatbands, chains, sunglasses, tennis skirts, gloves, arm warmers, and coats are not allowed during school hours, even on dress-down days.
- k. Religious exemptions to the dress code can be granted if approved in advance.
- l. On dress-down days, clothing that is revealing, such as mini-skirts, short-shorts, blue jeans with holes/tears, tank tops, halter tops, mesh shirts, spaghetti straps, and any see-through clothing or shirts exposing the shoulders/midriff, is not permitted. Sleeveless shirts are also not allowed. Costumes and masks are not permitted.
- m. On dress-down days, all apparel must be in good taste. Offensive or suggestive wording, illustrations, or advertisements for inappropriate items are not permitted.
- n. Non-uniform outside coats, jackets, and hooded apparel may not be worn inside the school building. All non-uniform outside coats and jackets must be put in the student's locker or backpack immediately upon entering the school building. The OSS uniform provider carries an optional sweatshirt or zippered fleece for those students who need additional layers to stay warm.