

Upper Division Dress Code

Upper Division students have an opportunity to make choices about their apparel within a set of guidelines. Parents who actively participate in partnership with Academy at the Lakes to create an atmosphere of appropriate dress and demeanor give students the support they need to develop good judgment. Appropriate dress creates an atmosphere that is respectful and conducive to learning. The Upper Division Director and Dean of Students will make the final determination as to the propriety of a student's dress or appearance.

Guidelines for Students

- No item of clothing may display conspicuous logos, brand names, or graphic designs (exceptions: college shirts and sweatshirts) . Rude, vulgar or profane speech is not acceptable.
- Clothing that is sloppy, dirty, wrinkled, torn, frayed or ripped is unacceptable.
- Clothing that is too revealing: lowcut tops, spaghetti straps, sheer or transparent clothing, bare midriffs or backs, and very short dresses, skirts or shorts are not permitted.
- Tights and leggings must be worn with a top that fully covers the student's behind.
- Sleepwear, gym wear, or exercise clothing is not permitted.
- Denim blue jeans are not permissible, except on designated "Jeans Days."
- Spirit Shirts, which include House t-shirts and any Academy t-shirt or collared shirt that the student has acquired through involvement in school activities or purchased in the Spirit Shop may be worn on Fridays.
- Undergarments of any kind may not be visible.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Hair should be neat and clean. Neatly groomed facial hair is permitted.

Footwear

- All footwear must be secured around the heel with a back or strap; no flip flops or slides.
- Feet must be appropriately covered in Physical Education and Art classes. Science students must wear appropriate (protective) clothing, including shoes, during labs.
- Excessively high-heeled shoes are not appropriate for school.

Accessories:

- Hats may not be worn during the school day except during PE class. Hoods may not be worn up.
- Tattoos must be covered and not visible.
- Visible piercing, other than earrings, may not be worn.

Business Attire Days (Professional Workplace Style)

Several days during the year are designated as "Business Attire Days." On these days, the students are required to dress in clothing appropriate for a professional workplace:

Dress slacks with a belt and a collared, buttoned shirt (ties are optional) or a dress, skirt, or dress slacks and a blouse or sweater. No sweatshirts. DRESS FOR SUCCESS!

Dress shoes with non-white socks or dress sandals, pumps or flats. Athletic shoes are not allowed.