

## Dress Code Policy

In order for our school to be a safe and equitable learning community, a standardized dress code is enforced. The following are reasons why Odyssey Academy feels a standardized dress code is vital to our educational success:

- To promote academic achievement
- To promote school unity and positive attitudes
- To maximize student safety
- To minimize the cost of clothing for school
- To prevent clothing from becoming a distraction from school work
- To reduce peer pressure
- To encourage respectful behavior

CLOTHING	STYLE	COLOR	NOT TO WEAR
<b>Shirt</b>	Polo style with collar or Odyssey Spirit shirt *All students may wear appropriate college shirts	Polo: navy blue, royal blue, or maroon Odyssey Spirit shirt College shirt	Baggy shirts; shirts that show midriff when arms are lifted
<b>Pants</b>	Dress pants; capri pants; jumpers; knee-length skirts; skorts and shorts	Khaki; navy blue; black	Denim; spandex; torn; extra zippers; solo leggings; yoga
<b>Shorts/Skirts</b>	Solid color	Khaki, navy blue, black	Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee cap
<b>Shoes</b>	Tennis shoes (required for PE days); dress shoes	Any	Flip flops; sandals; backless; open toe; functional (lights, rollers, etc.)
<b>Sweat Shirts</b>	Solid or Odyssey Academy	Navy blue; royal blue; maroon	
<b>Jackets</b>	Preferably solid or Odyssey Academy; stripes, plaid, etc. are acceptable	Any	No words; extreme designs; pictures; extreme logos

**High school students may follow free dress within the dress code policy.**

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### **UNIFORMS**

All uniform components can be purchased from the school store; however, parents and guardians have the right to purchase the uniform components at other stores. All components must be presentable and of respectable appearance.

### **APPEARANCE**

- No facial hair
- No extreme fads in hair colors or haircuts will be allowed
- No hazardous apparel, jewelry, or other items, such as dog collar necklaces, spiked necklaces, or bullet necklaces; spiked belts, spiked wrist bands, spiked rings, spiked coats, chains, laser penlights, or ANY other items which are likely to injure the wearer or someone else
- No visible body rings or body piercing. EXCEPTION: Ladies are allowed appropriate style and number of earrings in the ear lobes
- No items other than earrings or studs may be worn as earrings (paper clips, wire, safety pins, steel rods, gages and ear plugs, etc.)
- No dangling or large hoop earrings may be worn during PE
- No keys, chains or other objects dangling from pockets at any time
- Any bracelet that contains inappropriate words will be taken up and returned to parent if applicable
- No suspenders
- No embellishments, such as studs, extra zippers, extra buttons, rhinestones, fringes, labels over two inches or labels with lettering on any clothing
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building unless prescribed by a doctor in writing for medical reasons
- No obscene, violent, offensive writing or designs on book covers, backpacks, school supplies, etc.
- No visible tattoos
- No hairnets, hats, caps, scarves, bandanas, sweatbands, or other head wraps ("doo-rags")

### **RESPECTFUL IMAGE**

In addition to the attire of the dress code, all students will be held to a high standard toward their image while they are participating in the academic learning environment. Students who fail to comply with the following standards will proceed through the discipline ladder.

### **BACKPACKS**

No additional patches may be added to the backpack, such as inappropriate words or other symbols, emblems, or badges which reflect or represent advocacy of alcohol, tobacco and drug use, violence, disruptive behavior, religion, gender, ethnic or racial intimidation, or other criminal activity including, but not limited to, swastikas and confederate flags.