

KENSTON FOREST SCHOOL

2010-2011 Dress Code Requirements Grades 6-12

Dress Code (General). All students at Kenston Forest School are expected to dress in such a manner as to exhibit good taste, personal cleanliness, and respect for their appearance and reputation. Students understand that tasteful clothes contribute to the creation of an environment conducive to academic achievement and excellence, good behavior patterns, safety and security, development of one's self esteem, development of pride in the school, and esteem for fellow students by representing them with an image commanding the respect and admiration of the community. Clothing and accessories must not contain inappropriate messages or endorsements, or images of sinister nature. Student attire not specifically addressed in the dress code may be deemed inappropriate by school administrators. In such cases, the student will be informed not to wear certain clothing again. Parents and students with questions about specific clothes are encouraged to query school administrators; such queries are welcome. Parents are expected to actively support the dress code by overseeing what their children wear to school.

- Ladies and gentlemen must wear pants that are properly fitted. Dress pants, khakis, corduroys, jeans, and shorts which are cuffed or hemmed are acceptable. Ladies may also wear skirts. Sweatpants, athletic shorts and pajamas are not permitted. All pants must be designed for a belt and a belt must be worn and secured. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than the point halfway between the center of the knee and the fingertips when standing with shoulders relaxed and arms fully extended down the side. All pants must be worn at the proper waistline.
- Ladies and gentlemen must wear a long- or short-sleeved, fold-over collared shirt/blouse or turtleneck. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted. T-shirts, undershirts and tank tops are not permitted as outer garments. [EXCEPTION: Kenston Forest School T-shirts approved by the Head of School are authorized for wear on designated Fridays.] Shirts shall be buttoned up except for the top button or two buttons (or buttoned completely). Ladies and gentlemen may wear sweaters of appropriate size. Collared shirts must be worn underneath sweaters. Sweatshirts are not authorized. [EXCEPTION: Kenston Forest School sweatshirts approved by the Head of School are authorized for wear on designated Fridays.] Ladies and gentlemen will have their shirts/blouses/turtlenecks tucked in at all times. Outer sweaters are not required to be tucked in. Ladies and gentlemen must tuck other shirts.
- Dresses, with specific guidance, may be appropriate for specific activities such as school trips, scholastic bowls, forensic meets, etc. Dresses are not authorized for routine school wear.
- Camouflage apparel and other clothing designed specifically for hunting is not permitted.
- Dress shoes, tennis shoes or sneakers are preferred footwear. Properly secured sandals are allowed.

- Hair shall be neat, clean, and well groomed. No unnatural hair colors are allowed. Gentlemen's hair shall not extend lower than the bottom of the shirt collar in back and shall not touch the eyebrows in front. Gentlemen's hair on the side shall not extend lower than the line formed from the corner of the eye to the bottom of the ear. Gentlemen shall be clean shaven below that line.
- Hats, caps, and sunglasses shall not be worn during the standard academic day or at indoor school assemblies/sports events during or after the standard academic day.
- Ladies may wear conservative pierced or non-pierced earrings, but not more than two per ear. Gentlemen will not wear earrings. Other visible piercings or tattoos are prohibited during all school activities.

Corrective Action. Students in violation of the Kenston Forest School dress code will correct the violation prior to continued participation in class (or other activity). The homeroom teacher plays a major role in ensuring student compliance with the dress code. A student found to be not in compliance must correct the issue before he/she will be admitted to academic classes. On a standard morning, this means the student has from 8:30 to 8:45 to achieve compliance before academic time is lost. To achieve compliance, the student has several options:

- Correct the issue "on the spot."
- With permission from the homeroom teacher, the student may obtain an appropriate replacement article of clothing from a friend, locker, vehicle, or used clothing from the school office. The student may desire to purchase an appropriate replacement article of clothing from the school store. If required, the student may "charge" the purchase for later billing.
- With permission of office staff, the student may use the office phone to request that a parent bring an appropriate replacement article to school.

Regardless of the method utilized, the student is prohibited from attending academic classes until compliance with the dress code is met (resulting in missed coursework which is not made up). Students who miss academic class must report to the office and will receive disciplinary action by the Headmaster. Parents are expected to mentor their students to use good judgment in their apparel and comply with dress code requirements.

[EXCEPTION: Gentlemen found not in compliance with the hair requirements of the dress code shall be issued a warning that compliance must be met before the start of the next school day. On that next school day, if compliance is not met, the student shall not be admitted to class and will be denied academic reprieve to make up work missed. The previously offered student options to gain re-admittance to class are no longer available. When a student is issued a warning, a member of the school staff will attempt to notify one of his parents.]

After School. The dress code above applies to the standard academic day and also applies after school to Kenston Forest School student spectators at school activities such as home or away athletic contests. The following exceptions apply in these after school events:

- Sunglasses and properly worn hats/caps are authorized for outdoor after school activities.