



Davis Waldorf School

Inspired Learning for the Whole Child

2022-2023 Dress Code

YES

- Articles of clothing and jewelry that allow for freedom of movement
- Logos and words should be smaller than the size of your palm.
- Sturdy footwear appropriate for Games class, including sandals with heel straps
- Light make-up (6,7,8 grades only)
- Subtle, not distracting nail polish.
- Earrings, or jewelry smaller than a dime, including necklace pendants, bracelet charms, or rings.
- Shorts and skirts that allow one to be sufficiently covered during all movement activities
- Active wear, such as leggings, bicycle shorts, etc. are encouraged to be worn underneath shorter articles of clothing for comfort and freedom.
- Davis Waldorf or Waldorf event t-shirts/sweatshirts
- Long hair out of the face
- Head coverings worn for religious purposes.
- Raingear readily available, including rain pants, boots, and jackets.
- Local organizations and club logos from organizations the child has participated

NO

- Articles of clothing with media, slogans, flashy images, cartoons, or moving sequins
- See-through articles of clothing
- Any article of clothing that exposes the torso when arms are raised
- Baggy clothing that impairs movement
- Hats, sunglasses, or hoods in the classroom
- Large hair accessories
- Low-cut, deep V, and/or shirts with gaping armholes.
- Flip flops, other loose shoes, or bare feet
- Any dangly jewelry or hooped earrings
- Media oriented images on clothing or jewelry
- Temporary tattoos and writing on skin with markers or pen

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DRESS CODE

1. ***Why have a dress code at all?***

We believe that a dress code helps cultivate an expectation of serious academic learning. Taking the focus off the style and dress of other students allows for a direct learning environment.

2. ***How is the dress code enforced?***

Any time a child arrives at school with clothing that violates our Dress Code, alternative clothing may be provided, a teacher may ask that clothing be turned inside out to hide an image, or the child may be asked to go to the office to call a parent to bring necessary clothing to school.

Faculty or staff members who know the student will employ care and consideration in guiding the child to appropriate attire when needed. Our Office Coordinator will have the final say as to whether clothing meets the ideals of the Dress Code or not. Repeated incidents of the Dress Code violations will result in a meeting of the parent, Student Support Group and the student, as appropriate.

3. ***Why not allow baggy clothing, including sweatpants, sweatshirts?***

When school begins, we hope that every child will be alert and ready for the day. Baggy clothing, while comfortable, does not cultivate an attitude of readiness for the school day. Baggy means sleeves long enough to cover hands, pants which drag on the ground and/or sag at the waist, and hoods which cover the face.

4. ***Are certain articles of clothing not allowed inside?***

Yes. Hoods, sunglasses, hats, and gloves should not be worn inside at any time.

5. ***Is rain gear required on rainy days?***

Yes. Classes such as Games and Gardening take place outdoors, and class curriculums often call for students to go outside and enjoy the great outdoors. All students should have rain gear available to them every day of the week. Rain gear should include a rain jacket with a hood, rain pants, and waterproof shoes. Items can be left in your child's classroom.

6. ***Why must long hair be kept out of the face?***

Hair in one's face or eyes impedes class work and participation, and can be a distraction for students, as well as their classmates and teachers. It is also a dangerous safety hazard for many of our specialty classes such as Games, Woodwork, Gardening, and Handwork.

7. ***Why must jewelry be smaller than a dime?***

We ask that jewelry, including rings, earrings, necklace pendants, charms on bracelets, and anklets, remain smaller than a dime so as to ensure all children are safe and unencumbered throughout their many daily movement activities. Large jewelry can be dangerous in classes such as Games, Woodworking, and Gardening, and can also be distracting.

If you have questions about the dress code, please contact the office or your class teacher. If you like advice about any item of clothing, please contact the Office Coordinator at office@daviswalsdorf.org.

Thank you for helping us to maintain our school as a place of learning.