

DRESS CODE (Grades 6-12) 2017-2018

The Epiphany School of Global Studies offers a disciplined, learning environment for the students. The appearance of all community members should exhibit the respect for and commitment to the noble and sacred mission, values, and culture of the school. In lieu of adopting an official school uniform, Epiphany has established a Dress Code that is not excessively restrictive. The Dress Code exists to instill **PRIDE, UNITY, and EQUALITY** within the community. By wearing the name of the school, students show their commitment to the community and all that Epiphany espouses. Finally, adherence to a respectable dress code is an effective way for the students to display outwardly the discipline that is required to find success in life.

Land's End is the school's primary clothing vendor. While we prefer that families utilize this service, we recognize the importance of allowing families to have choices in clothing purchases. Families may utilize school-authorized local vendors to place the school's trademarked logo on clothing that complies with the dress code. Families may contact the school for a list of approved vendors. All students/families make choices within a range of options (styles, colors, patterns, and fabrics).

Because they represent the school to the outside community, students are expected to maintain a neat and scholarly appearance at all times. A sloppy appearance does not convey personal excellence and is not acceptable. Parents should ensure that their students fully uphold these guidelines. The Administration will contact the parent if a student's dress and appearance do not satisfy these expectations.

Members of the Senior Class adhere to an adjusted dress code that is developmentally appropriate for these students who will soon make the transition to college/university life. Seniors do not have to wear Epiphany apparel during the school day.

TOPS: boys

- Any solid color shirt embroidered with the school logo, including polos, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks, and t-shirts.
- Students may wear tops that reflect the school's athletic teams or co-curricular activities, including Odyssey Shirts. These tops must have "Epiphany" visible on them.
- Any undershirt worn with Epiphany attire must be a solid color (no printed words/designs on sleeves).
- Juniors are permitted to wear appropriate college/university shirts.

TOPS: girls

- Any solid color shirt embroidered with the school logo, including polos, blouses, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks, t-shirts, and various "feminine fit" collarless shirts.
- Sleeveless tops and sleeveless dresses are permitted, provided that the "seam across the shoulder" (the strap) is "three fingers-width" or greater. (Measured vertically with the forefinger, middle finger, and ring finger against the strap, the fingers pressed close together). Tank tops and spaghetti straps are NOT permitted.
- Students may wear tops that reflect the school's athletic teams or co-curricular activities, including Odyssey Shirts. These tops must have "Epiphany" visible on them.
- Girls should wear a solid color undershirt/camisole, particularly with all cropped "feminine cut" tops to avoid bare midriffs. Girls should not wear short tops that just "graze" the waist of pants.
- The neckline of tops must be worn with modesty to avoid visible cleavage.
- Juniors are permitted to wear appropriate college/university shirts.

BOTTOMS: boys

- Pants and shorts may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, and denim).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints.
- Camouflage, tie-dye, and anything ostentatious are not permitted.
- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should fit appropriately, and should have a 7 inch (or longer) inseam.
- Extra-long and/or "baggy" shorts are not permitted.
- Athletic shorts, sweats, and yoga pants are not permitted.

BOTTOMS: girls

- Pants, shorts, dresses and skirts may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, and denim).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints.
- Camouflage, tie-dye, and anything ostentatious are not permitted.

- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should fit appropriately, and should have a 7 inch (or longer) inseam. Skirts/dresses should fall approximately 4 inches above the knee.
- “Dressy” shorts, Capris, and clam diggers are permitted.
- Athletic shorts, sweats, and yoga pants are not allowed.
- Leggings may be worn but only under an appropriate length skirt.

SHOES

- Comfortable, casual shoes should be worn at all times. They must be in good condition. These types of shoes include, for example, topsiders, loafers, boots, and sneakers.
- Only Upper School students may wear flip-flops or sandals.
- High heels or wedges of more than 3¼ inches are not permitted.

OUTERWEAR

- Embroidered sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece vests in an array of colors are permitted.
- Epiphany athletics sweatshirts, sweaters, and jacket (including Letter Jackets) are permitted.
- Non-Epiphany embroidered outerwear is not allowed indoors during the school day.
- Juniors are permitted to wear appropriate college/university sweatshirts.
- Embroidered Epiphany tops should be worn under outerwear in the event that they need to be removed. Girls wearing dresses with embroidered Epiphany outerwear must wear the outerwear throughout the day.
- Hats and gloves must remain in lockers throughout the school day.

HAIR & GROOMING

- Natural hair colors and conventional hairstyles are required for all students.
- Hairstyles should never impede visibility of the face and/or extend over the eyes.
- Facial hair must be well groomed.
- Make-up application should be conservative.

JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

- Modest earrings are permitted.
- Ear cuffs, body piercings, bandanas, and pocket chains are not permitted.
- Sunglasses must be stored when indoors.
- Earring studs must be 4 millimeters or smaller.

DRESS DOWN MONDAYS

Considered a freedom for students, each Monday is a Dress Down day, unless otherwise specified by the Administration. On these days, students may wear clothing that is not embroidered with the Epiphany logo, but still falls in line with the Dress Code. Students must choose clothing that is safe, modest, and without offensive advertising. The first Dress Down Day will begin after Labor Day.

DRESS UP DAYS

Throughout the school year, there are days and events that call for Epiphany students to wear their “professional best.” “Professional best” indicates wearing what one would wear to an interview for a professional position. On these days, young men are expected to wear a tucked-in dress shirt and tie with dress pants and belt, while young women must wear dresses or skirts of acceptable lengths or dress slacks and an appropriate blouse.

ATHLETIC GAME DAY DRESS

On game days, Epiphany expects our teams to exhibit consistency, pride, and unity. Members of each team will determine before the start of first game the plan for game day dress, which will be one of the three following types:

1. Wear khaki (non-denim) pants, shorts, or skirts and the Falcon Athletics Polo shirt purchased at New Bern Sporting Goods.
2. “Dress up,” as defined in the policy for “Dress Up Days” in the Trent Community Handbook
3. Wear actual school athletic jerseys/warm-up tops and khakis (non-denim trousers)
 - a. The Cheerleading squad may wear their cheerleading tops and athletic warm-up pants on game days during school to promote school spirit.