

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. When a Dress Code violation occurs, a student will forfeit certain Dress Code freedoms. Repeated offenses will result in additional consequences.

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.

The following summarizes the current dress code for all students:

TOPS: boys

- Any solid color shirt that is embroidered with the school logo, including Polos, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks, and t-shirts in an array of colors
- Non-Epiphany screen-printed t-shirts are not permitted
- Sleeveless tops and tank tops are not permitted.
- Students may wear tops that reflect the school's athletic teams or co-curricular activities, including Odyssey Shirts.
- Any undershirt that is worn with Epiphany attire must be a solid color (no printed words/designs on sleeves).

TOPS: girls

- Any solid color shirt that is embroidered with the school logo, including Polos, blouses, oxfords, turtlenecks, mocks, t-shirts, and various "feminine fit" collarless shirts
- Non-Epiphany screen-printed t-shirts are not permitted
- Sleeveless tops and tank tops are not permitted.
- Students may wear tops that reflect the school's athletic teams or co-curricular activities, including Odyssey Shirts.
- 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 the width of the student's hand from the collarbone to avoid visible cleavage.

BOTTOMS: boys

- Pants may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, and denim).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints—subtle stripes and plaids are permitted.
- Camouflage, tie-dye, and anything ostentatious are not permitted.
- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should fit appropriately.
- "Dressy" non-denim shorts are permitted. These should have a 7 inch (or longer) inseam so that they fall approximately two fingers' width above the top of the kneecap.
- Extra-long and/or "baggy" shorts are not permitted.
- Athletic shorts and sweats are not permitted.

BOTTOMS: girls

- Pants may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, and denim).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints—subtle stripes, plaids, and floral prints are permitted.
- Camouflage, tie-dye, and anything ostentatious are not permitted.
- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should fit appropriately.
- "Dressy" shorts, Capris, and clam diggers are permitted. These should have a 7 inch (or longer) inseam so that they fall approximately four inches width above the top of the kneecap.
- Skirts should fall approximately four inches above the top of the kneecap.
- 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 topsiders, loafers, and conservative sneakers.
- Upper School students may wear flip-flops or sandals; Middle School students may not.
- CROCs are not permitted.
- Preferably, shoes will have non-scuffing soles.
- High heels or wedges of more than 2 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 once the school day begins.
- 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.
- Winter hats and gloves must remain in lockers once the school day begins.

## PE CLASS ATTIRE

- Students must wear an Epiphany shirt/sweatshirt and any shorts/sweatpants that are of respectable length (mid-thigh or longer).
- Sneakers are required for all planned activities.
- Following PE classes, all students must return to normal school attire.

## 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.
- Students may be asked to clip back bangs that are in their faces.
- Severe, extreme, or sloppy styles may be unacceptable as they can distract from the disciplined, dignified learning environment.
- Boys with facial hair must be well groomed.
- Girls should apply a conservative amount of make-up.

## JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

- For health and safety reasons, only modest earrings are permitted.
- Extreme ear piercings are not 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.
- Hats are not permitted at any time inside the buildings.

## 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.

## DRESS UP DAYS

Throughout the school year, there are days and events that call for Epiphany students to wear their "Sunday best." 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. Dress Up days will be announced the week prior to the event.

## SCHOOL TRIP & SPECIAL EVENT ATTIRE

When students leave campus for any school-related trip (including off-campus service) or participate in special ceremonies, the Administration or sponsoring teacher will designate appropriate attire. Permission slips will include information about required attire.