



# THE EPIPHANY SCHOOL *of* GLOBAL STUDIES

## DRESS CODE

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.

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, the student must resolve the issue before returning to class or to the school-sponsored activity and will forfeit certain Dress Code freedoms. Should the student have 3 or more Dress Code violations, then he or she shall also have a lunch detention on each offending day.

### 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 must choose clothing that is safe, modest, and without offensive advertising (which includes, but is not limited to, alcohol, tobacco, sexual innuendos, etc.). 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" means as if the student is applying 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. Dress Up days will be announced the week prior to the event. On occasion, dances will be semi-formal and follow these “dress up” guidelines. These Dress Up Days include Dedication, School Picture Day, Feast of Epiphany, specific classroom/club activities, etc.

### **SCHOOL TRIP & SPECIAL EVENT ATTIRE**

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

### **ATHLETIC DRESS**

Scholar-athletes are ambassadors of Epiphany. On game days, Epiphany encourages scholar-athletes to wear the Epiphany Athletics T-shirt, athletic polo, or jersey of their team to exhibit consistency, pride, and unity.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Members of the Middle School adhere to an adjusted dress code that is developmentally appropriate for these students who will soon make the transition to Upper School.

- Sheer or see-through fabric is not permitted.

### **TOPS: boys**

- Any solid color shirt that is embroidered with the school logo, including polos, oxfords, turtlenecks, and t-shirts
- Students may wear tops that reflect the school, the school’s athletic teams or co-curricular activities, including Odyssey Shirts. These tops must be official co-curricular shirts, approved by the Director of Student Life.
- Tank tops and sleeveless T-shirts are not permitted.
- 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, 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, with the fingers pressed close together).
- Tank tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Students may wear tops that reflect the school, the school’s athletic teams or co-curricular activities, including Odyssey Shirts. These tops must be official co-curricular shirts, approved by the Director of Student Life.
- 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.

**BOTTOMS: boys**

- Pants and shorts may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, or denim).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints.
- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should be at least mid-thigh.
- Extra-long and/or “baggy” shorts are not permitted.
- Athletic shorts and sweats are not permitted, except in PE class.

**BOTTOMS: girls**

- Pants, shorts, dresses, and skirts may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, cotton, or denim).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints.
- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should be at least mid-thigh.
- Athletic shorts and sweats are not permitted, except in PE class.
- Leggings and tights are permitted only underneath skirts and shorts of the appropriate length. Leggings must be opaque above the knee.

**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.
- Closed-toe shoes are permitted. Opened-toe shoes (including flip-flops and sandals) are not permitted.
- High heels or wedges of more than 3¼ inches are not permitted.

**OUTERWEAR**

- Outerwear that do not require the Epiphany logo are coats and jackets that have full zippers or buttons.
  - Such outerwear may have small apparel logos that can be covered completely by student's one hand.
  - Such outerwear may not include words, slogans, or images beyond the small apparel logo.
- Epiphany sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters, vests, and jackets (including Letter Jackets) are permitted.
- Hats and gloves must remain in lockers once the school day begins.

**PE CLASS ATTIRE**

- Students must wear appropriate athletic attire, specifically shorts of a respectable length.
- Sneakers are required.
- Following PE classes, all students must return to normal school attire, unless the class ends the day.

**HAIR & GROOMING**

- Conventional hair styles 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.

## **UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Members of the Upper School adhere to an adjusted dress code that is developmentally appropriate for these students who will soon make the transition to college/university life.

- All clothing must be safe, modest, and without any offensive advertising (which includes, but is not limited to, alcohol, tobacco, sexual innuendos, etc.).
- Sheer or see-through fabric is not permitted.

### **TOPS: boys**

- Any polo, oxford, button-down, turtleneck, or t-shirt is permitted.
- Tank tops and sleeveless T-shirts are not permitted.

### **TOPS: girls**

- Any blouse, polo, oxford, turtleneck, t-shirt, or various “feminine fit” collarless shirt is permitted.
- 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, with the fingers pressed close together).
- Tank tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- 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. Bare midriffs are not permitted.
- The neckline of tops must be worn with modesty to avoid visible cleavage.

### **BOTTOMS: boys**

- Pants and shorts may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, cotton, or denim, ~~or nylon~~).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints.
- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and should be at least mid-thigh.
- Extra-long and/or “baggy” shorts are not permitted.
- Athletic shorts and sweats are not permitted, except in PE class.

### **BOTTOMS: girls**

- Pants, shorts, dresses, and skirts may be in a variety of fabrics (khakis, cords, cotton, or denim).
- Bottoms may be either solid colors or prints.
- All bottoms must be in good condition (no rips or frays) and must be at least mid-thigh.
- “Dressy” shorts, Capris, and Bermuda shorts are permitted.
- Athletic shorts and sweats are not permitted, except in PE class.
- Leggings and tights are permitted under tops that cover the student’s backside entirely. Leggings must be opaque/not sheer above the knee.

### **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 are permitted to wear opened-toe shoes (including flip-flops or sandals).
- High heels or wedges of more than 3¼ inches are not permitted.

#### **OUTERWEAR**

- Upper School students may wear any outerwear that is safe, modest, and free of offensive advertising.
- Hats and gloves must remain in lockers once the school day begins.

#### **PE CLASS ATTIRE**

- Students must wear appropriate athletic attire, specifically shorts of a respectable length.
- Sneakers are required.
- Following PE classes, all students must return to normal school attire, unless the class ends the day.

#### **HAIR & GROOMING**

- 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.