



OVERVIEW

A student's dress and general appearance should not draw undesirable attention to the student, nor should dress and appearance detract or interfere with teaching and the learning environment. It is expected that all students shall maintain their appearance and clothing in a modest, clean, age appropriate fashion consistent with our dress code and compatible with instructional program.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR SCHOOL ISSUED ATTIRE FROM THE WAIST UP.

Regardless of the season or weather, it is expected that students be in FULL COMPLIANCE with the Oak Park Prep dress code. Students in violation of the dress code will be subject to disciplinary consequences and may be removed from class.

Benefits of School Uniforms

- Positively impacts student achievement
- Establishes a friendly and professional atmosphere that promotes school pride, respect and safety
- Instills a sense of community to which students belong
- Increases safety and decreases theft
- Creates level playing field among students
- Helps school officials recognize those who do not belong on campus
- Helps community identify Oak Park Prep Academy students

WHAT YOU CAN WEAR

Shirts and Jackets

- Oak Park Prep uniform polo shirt must be worn at all times
- Undershirts may only be solid black or white, and without hoods. Shirts must be tucked in at all times

Sweatshirts/Outerwear

- OPPA sweatshirts/fleeces. All weather jackets
- Outerwear worn to school can be stored and picked up at the end of the day
- Solid black cardigans

Pants and Skirts

- Solid khaki colored pants/shorts/skirt
Tights must be solid black in color (no stripes, patterns, holes or tears)
- Bottom of skirt/shorts must fall below the fingertips when shoulders are relaxed and elbows are straight.
- All clothing must be hemmed

Belt

- Students must wear a solid brown, white, or black belt at all times

Shoes/Socks

- Shoes, laces, socks, and sandals must be black, gray, white, brown or green.

NO OTHER COLORS ARE ALLOWED ON ANY PART THE SHOE, SOCK, OR SANDAL.

- Shoes MUST have back strap and sandals must have heels lower than 2 inches.

- Socks should be no higher than mid-calf

Accessories

- Earrings (only studs) and necklaces must be smaller than a quarter.
- Solid green, black, white, and brown headbands thinner than an inch may be worn behind the hairline.

PE Uniform OPPA green PE shirt/OPPA shirt, black shorts.

Students must bring a lock for their PE clothes

- Students must write name on PE uniform

WHAT YOU CANNOT WEAR

Jackets

- Jean/Denim jackets or vest of any color may not be worn over Uniform shirt

Pants and Skirts

- Sagging or oversized pants and shorts
- Skirts with slits
- Short shorts or short skirts
- Sweatpants
- Tight or fitted pants, skirts, shorts, or leggings
- Joggers or sweatpants

Shoes

- Flip flops, slippers, or shoes without a back strap (slides)
- Shoes or sandals with heels over 2 inches
- Any color besides green, black, brown, white, gray

Accessories and Other Items

- Hats, hoods, snapbacks, or caps, bandanas, hair scarves, hairnets, curlers, sweatbands, wave caps, flowers, or head coverings of any kind (except for religious reasons)
- No gloves or scarves may be worn indoors
- Multiple bracelets, necklaces, large dangling earrings, chokers multiple finger rings
- Fake nails or red or blue nail polish

Hair

- Unnatural hair colors (red, blue, green, purple, orange, etc.) or severely contrasting colors are not permitted. Extreme hairstyles or distractions are not permitted.

Note: Dress that compromises student modesty, interferes with learning or is otherwise inappropriate is not acceptable. Any item of clothing accessory, or personal belonging deemed to be a distraction to the learning environment will not be allowed.

Reminder: No red or blue items are permitted on campus, including backpacks

Anything above is subject to change. All changes and new policies will be sent home immediately.

For more detailed information about the OPPA Dress Code Policy and/or Non-Uniform Days, please refer to the 2016-17 Student Handbook.

