



PINGRY

EXCELLENCE & HONOR

# Student Dress Code 2018-2019

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It is the belief of Pingry's Student Government that fashion is in a constant state of evolution, and it is for this reason that the Dress Code needs to be updated from time to time. The Student Government also believes that it is the student body's responsibility to represent itself in a decent, self-respecting manner, which includes appropriate and proper school attire. However, the administration will hold the final word on whether an article of clothing is neat, appropriate, and Dress Code acceptable.

## Basking Ridge Campus: Upper School & Middle School

The clothing that students choose to wear must be neat, clean, in good condition, of appropriate size, and should reflect the values of the Pingry School. Suitable tops are sweaters, button-down or polo style shirts, turtlenecks, collared shirts, blouses, or tailored T-shirts. Dress shirts or collared shirts that button the entire length of the shirt (i.e. oxford-style and flannels) should be tucked in at the waist. All tops must be modest and neat: low necklines; exposed midriffs or chests; strapless; spaghetti straps; tank; halter; or barebacked tops and dresses are not permitted.

Students may wear pants, slacks, skirts, dresses, or shorts (after May 1 or with the permission of the Headmaster). Dresses, skirts, or shorts must be an appropriate length. As a guiding principle, they should be no more than four inches above the knee or no shorter than fingertip length when arms hang by the side while standing, whichever is longer.

- Pants, skirts, or shorts may not be made of blue denim or sweatpants fabric.
- Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- Tops may not display lettering or large graphic images.
- Sweatshirts may be worn only if they do not display a brand name or logo as the prominent feature. The only writing that may appear on a sweatshirt is "Pingry", the name of a college, or a charitable organization.
- Hats, caps, and sweatshirt hoods may not be worn anywhere or at any time in the school building. Head coverings that are worn for religious reasons are permitted.
- Footwear must be worn at all times.
- Athletic gear or pajamas are not permitted.
- Tights or leggings are permitted only when worn under a top, skirt, or dress that is no more than four inches above the knee or no shorter than fingertip length when arms hang by the side while standing, whichever is longer.
- Frayed, torn, or cutoff clothing is not permitted.
- Team or club members must seek approval from the Dean of Student Life before wearing "game day" or spirit outfits.
- Sunglasses may not be worn in the school building.
- After May 1, or with permission of the Headmaster, shorts are permitted. Shorts should be an appropriate length as outlined previously. Board shorts, athletic shorts, and swimwear are not permitted. All other aspects of the Dress Code will remain in effect.

## Dress Code for Special Occasions

Special occasions or "Dress Up Days" include concerts, awards ceremonies, Convocation Day, Career Day, Reunion Weekend, etc. On these days students are asked to wear attire more suitable for the occasion such as jackets and ties, dress pants, dresses, skirts, dress shirts or blouses, and appropriate footwear. Notification will be made in advance when the Dress Code for special occasions will be in effect. Students must remain in dress up attire until the end of the academic day.

## Dress Code for Dress Down Days

On the last Friday of every month or other designated days, students are permitted to dress in more relaxed attire. On Casual Dress Days, blue jeans, and appropriate T-shirts are permitted. Pajamas, sweatpants or athletic pants, hats, and torn or frayed clothing are not permitted.

## Short Hills Campus: Lower School

The written dress code is designed to support the total educational process at the Lower School. The emphasis of the code is that students should be neat, clean, and safe. Many current fashions for children are not suitable for school. Faculty and administration will enforce the Dress Code on a daily basis. Parents are informed if students are not following the guidelines specified in the Dress Code.

**Shirts:** All shirts must be neat and modest. Dress shirts or collared shirts that button the entire length of the shirt (i.e. oxford-style and flannels) must be tucked in at the waist. Oxford-style, polo style, tailored tees and turtlenecks are permitted. No casual t-shirts, strapless, spaghetti strapped, tank, halter, or barebacked tops or dresses are allowed.

**Trousers/Slacks:** Tailored slacks or pants can be of corduroy, poplin, twill, wool, khaki, or cotton blends. Blue jeans are not permitted. Jeggings and sports pants are not permitted.

**Skirts:** Skirts and dresses must be of appropriate length, and the hem may be no more than two inches above the knee when a student is standing. Jean skirts may be worn.

**Socks/Hosiery:** Socks, stockings, or tights must be worn at all times. Leggings may be worn under skirts and dresses.

**Shoes:** Students may wear sneakers or leather shoes of a safe heel height. We also ask that children not wear flip-flops, Crocs, backless shoes, sandals, and "wheelies sneakers" to school. Although these types of footwear are very popular, they have proven to be a safety issue at school.