

## Dress Code Policy

In order for our school to be a safe and equitable learning community, a standardized dress code is enforced. The following are reasons why Odyssey Academy feels a standardized dress code is vital to our educational success:

- To promote academic achievement
- To promote school unity and positive attitudes
- To maximize student safety
- To minimize the cost of clothing for school
- To prevent clothing from becoming a distraction from school work
- To reduce peer pressure
- To encourage respectful behavior

CLOTHING	STYLE	COLOR	NOT TO WEAR
<b>Shirt</b>	Polo style with collar or Odyssey Spirit shirt *All students may wear appropriate college shirts	Polo: navy blue, royal blue, or maroon Odyssey Spirit shirt College shirt	Baggy shirts; shirts that show midriff when arms are lifted
<b>Pants</b>	Dress pants; capri pants; jumpers; knee-length skirts; skorts and shorts	Khaki; navy blue; black	Denim; spandex; torn; extra zippers; solo leggings; yoga; sweat; workout pants; pajama
<b>Shorts/Skirts</b>	Solid color	Khaki, navy blue, black	Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee cap; no denim
<b>Shoes</b>	Tennis shoes (required for PE days); dress shoes	Any	Flip flops; sandals; backless; open toe; functional (lights, rollers, etc.)
<b>Sweat Shirts</b>	Solid or Odyssey Academy	Navy blue; royal blue; maroon	Non-school appropriate designs, pictures, words and logos
<b>Jackets</b>	Preferably solid or Odyssey Academy; stripes, plaid, etc. are acceptable	Any	No words; extreme designs; pictures; extreme logos

**High school students may follow free dress within the dress code policy.**

### UNIFORMS

All uniform components can be purchased from the school store; however, parents and guardians have the right to purchase the uniform components at other stores. All components must be presentable and of respectable appearance.

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### APPEARANCE

- No facial hair
- Only natural hair colors will be accepted
- No extreme fads in haircuts will be allowed; haircuts with designs, letter(s)/word(s) are not allowed
- No hazardous apparel, jewelry, or other items, such as: dog collar necklaces, spiked necklaces, or bullet necklaces; spiked belts, spiked wristbands, spiked rings, spiked coats, chains, laser penlights, or ANY other items which are likely to injure the wearer or someone else
- No visible body rings or body piercing. EXCEPTION: Earrings are permissible. One earring per ear lobe is acceptable, as long as the earrings are not so large that they warrant undue attention. Large loops and hanging earrings are considered to be a safety hazard, and therefore are not allowed. Nose and other facial piercings are not allowed.
- No items other than earrings or studs may be worn as earrings (ex: paper clips, wire, safety pins, steel rods, gages and ear plugs, etc.)
- No dangling or large hoop earrings may be worn during PE
- No keys, chains or other objects dangling from pockets at any time
- Any bracelet that contains inappropriate words will be taken up and returned to parent if applicable
- No suspenders
- No embellishments, such as studs, extra zippers, extra buttons, rhinestones, fringes, labels over two inches or labels with lettering on any clothing
- Sunglasses are not to be worn in the school building unless prescribed by a doctor in writing for medical reasons
- No obscene, violent, offensive writing or designs on book covers, backpacks, school supplies, etc.
- No visible tattoos
- No hairnets, hats, caps, scarves, bandanas, sweatbands, or other head wraps ("doo-rags")
- No oversized coats or trench coats

### RESPECTFUL IMAGE

In addition to the attire of the dress code, all students will be held to a high standard toward their image while they are participating in the academic learning environment. Students who fail to comply with the following standards will proceed through the discipline ladder.

- All pants must be worn on the waist line, no sagging
- All shirts must have a presentable neck line
- Pants may not be rolled up and must be worn as intended
- All articles of clothing must not be deliberately oversized or excessively tight
- All shorts and skirts may not be shorter than 2" inches above the knee
- Students may not add to, nor subtract from, the approved student dress policy
- Student clothing must be maintained in good condition
- Students may not have holes, rips or tears, or additions on shirts, shorts/skirts and pants

### BACKPACKS

No additional patches may be added to the backpack, such as inappropriate words or other symbols, emblems, or badges which reflect or represent advocacy of alcohol, tobacco and drug use, violence, disruptive behavior, religion, gender, ethnic or racial intimidation, or other criminal activity including, but not limited to, swastikas and confederate flags.