



Lawrence School

Great Minds Don't Think Alike

Upper School Dress Code

These guidelines are designed to allow for an optimal learning environment while adopting a “Dress for Your Day” philosophy. This approach recognizes that while daily comfort is important for learning, students must also develop the vital life skill of dressing with intention for the task at hand.

School Attire

Lawrence Upper School utilizes a relaxed dress attire policy **Monday-Friday**. Students may wear comfortable, casual streetwear as long as it complies with the “Attire Non-Negotiables” listed below.

Dress for Your Day Guidelines (Special Occasions)

While daily wear is relaxed, there are specific occasions throughout the year that require a higher standard of professional presentation. **We will communicate in advance the specific days when professional dress is required.**

These occasions include, but are not limited to:

- Picture Day
- Academic presentations (e.g., Science Fair, History Day)
- NHS inductions and award ceremonies
- Commencement and formal events (e.g., Homecoming or Prom)

Attire Non-Negotiables

(Applicable Daily and on Professional Dress Days)

- **Fit & Safety:** All clothing and footwear worn must fit in a way that keeps undergarments covered and allows students to move and participate safely within an active classroom environment*.
- **Appropriate Imagery:** Clothing with political, vulgar, violent, or offensive messages, pictures, or words is prohibited*.

- **Condition of Clothing:** Excessively ripped, frayed, or torn clothing is not allowed, nor are items embellished with pen, marker, tape, etc.
- **Headwear:** Hoods may not be over a student's head while in the building, nor can hats be worn in the building (unless special permission is granted by school leadership due to a student's medical needs).
- **Sleepwear:** Sleepwear (e.g., pajamas and snuggles) and peripheral items (e.g., blankets, stuffed animals) are prohibited.
- **Event Compliance:** Students must adhere to specific *Dress for Your Day* guidelines as communicated for particular events.

***The school reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of student attire. If you have questions regarding these guidelines, please contact the Upper School Division Director.**

Dress Code Violations

All students are expected to adhere to the dress code. When a student is not in compliance, they will be directed to change clothes using a supply of gently-worn clothing. If a change of clothing is unavailable or a student refuses to comply with this request, parents will be contacted, and the student will potentially be sent home. Serious or persistent violations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Dress code guidelines are waived during the first full week of school as students adjust to the standards.

Spiritwear

Lawrence School spiritwear is available for purchase online [here](#). Additionally, there will be more opportunities during the school year to purchase Lawrence spiritwear.