

Dress Code

The SEM dress code exists to allow students to express their individual style while creating an environment that is safe, comfortable, and focused on learning. The dress code allows the freedom to choose clothing which is comfortable while acknowledging SEM as a serious academic institution. There will be formal dress days planned for specific occasions. Guidelines will be provided for those days. The chart following this overview serves as a quick reference as to what is and is not acceptable attire on normal school days.

It is the responsibility of each student to check her attire before leaving for school, and we ask that parents join with us and reinforce the importance of adhering to our dress code. Individuality is valued but dress should not detract from the learning environment. Students will be checked each morning before Morning Meeting by their respective Class Dean.

A student found out of dress code will be issued a pink slip and may be asked to change. With repeated violations parents will be notified. If the concern persists, a meeting with the student, her parents, and the Dean of Students will be held.

Dress Down Fridays

Each Friday of the school year will be designated a dress down day. Students may wear denim of any color as long as there are no rips or tears. Students are not allowed to wear sweatpants or pajama pants on Dress Down Fridays.

If students are not following the dress code Monday through Thursday, the Head of School and the Dean of Students may revoke Dress Down Fridays, as it is a privilege.

Dress Code Quick Reference Chart:

Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain or patterned T-shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, dresses, jackets • Plain or patterned tank tops, shoulder straps must be two fingers in width • Outerwear i.e. coat, poncho, shawl, is permitted on particularly cold days or in cold rooms • SEM sweatshirts, T-shirts, long sleeved T-shirts and jackets with skirts or pants • Denim jackets • Dresses, fingertip length, shoulder straps must be two fingers in width • Pants and capris of any color except blue denim, non-athletic and free of rips and tears • Skirts at least fingertip length • Shorts of fingertip length, any color except blue denim, non-athletic, may be worn in September, October, May and June • Opaque, heavyweight leggings in a non-athletic styling, worn with top to cover entire torso • Shoes in which students can walk easily and safely
Permitted Only on Fridays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing with images, logos, or words on them (refrain from advocating for a specific political position, referencing illegal drugs, alcohol, or violence, or anything containing obscenity or hate speech) • Blue denim free of rips and tears • Hats, caps or beanies
Not Permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing and outerwear with images, logos, or words that advocate for a specific political position, reference illegal drugs, alcohol, or violence, or contain obscenity or hate speech • Soiled or ripped clothing • Camisoles worn alone as shirts, without other layers • Visible undergarments, except for straps • Athletic gear (except for athletes changing into uniforms during their last free period on game days) • Sweatshirts, SEM sweatshirts, T-shirts, long sleeved T-shirts are not permitted with leggings • Strapless or spaghetti strap tops and dresses without a sweater or jacket • Tops that reveal a student's midriff when she is standing with arms at her side • Blankets • Pajamas • Sweatpants • Track pants • Athletic shorts • Hats, beanies, caps, hoods, or other headwear that hides a student's face (except with special medical or religious accommodation) • Jewelry or other accessories which are distracting or dangerous to the student, her peers, or faculty/staff • Facial jewelry, other than earrings and a single nose piercing, should be removed for school • Flip-flops • Shoes in which the student cannot walk easily and safely