# OVCA DRESS CODE

### **PURPOSE**

## The purpose of the OVCA dress code is two-fold:

- to create an atmosphere of higher achievement through higher standards
- to minimize distractions on campus and in the classroom

### **MODESTY**

At OVCA, each student is expected to be modestly and appropriately attired and groomed at all times.

Although modesty is a relative term, for our standards, modesty can be described as avoiding the following:

- Tight-fitting clothing
- · Revealing clothing
- Visible undergarments
- Pants/shorts that are too baggy or sag
- Garments landing well above the knee

The approved options and broad variety of colors and styles permitted by our dress code allow for personal expression on campus, while still showing our students that what they wear or how they dress is not as important as the welfare of their mind, body, and spirit.

Our guidelines take the focus off how one dresses, lessen distractions, and showcase who the student really is.

#### **BOTTOMS**

- Students should wear standard school uniform style pants or shorts without cargo style pockets. (Any type of leggings or denim/jeans material are not considered to be uniform style.) Dockers/Dickies style school uniform pants and shorts are acceptable insofar as they do not have cargo/utility pockets.
- Girls may also wear capris, skirts, skorts, and jumpers of a modest length.
- Jogger style pants are acceptable insofar as they are uniform style and do not have cargo/utility pockets.
- Acceptable colors for all bottoms are navy, tan/khaki, gray, and black.
- OVCA school plaid is available through "The Uniform Store." Other plaid patterns are not permissible.

#### **TOPS**

- All K-12th grade students must wear plain, solid color polo-style shirts (button-down styles are not considered polo-style tops).
- Shirts should have a collar and must be free of logos.
- Shirts can be long or short-sleeved.
- Undershirts should have no visible writing or graphics.
- OVCA school colors are red, white, and navy blue. Other colors are acceptable as well.

#### **OUTERWEAR**

- Coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters should be free of writing and graphics (unless purchased from or issued by OVCA).
- Logos on outer wear must be limited to the brand of the garment and generally insignificant as determined by school administration. (Flannels, blouses, and other "shirts" are not considered outerwear.)









#### **OTHER**

- Hairstyles should not be a distraction due to style or color. Please avoid unnatural hair coloring; it is considered a distraction.
- Facial hair should be neatly trimmed.
- Shoes should be closed-toed and closed-heeled, and be appropriate for the activities of the day (i.e., recess and/or Physical Education). Sandals, flip-flops, or Croc-style shoes are not permitted.
- Hats or caps (including hoods) are allowed outdoors. They must be free of writing and graphics (unless purchased from or issued by OVCA).
- Additional accessories or wearable items at school should be free of inappropriate or questionable writing or graphics.



## SPIRIT WEAR

As an alternative to our daily dress code, students may be permitted to wear school-issued spirit wear t-shirts on designated Fridays throughout the school year. In addition to dress code style pant/short options, students are permitted to wear blue or black full-length jeans or capris on spirit wear days only. Jeans should not be baggy, torn, or tight-fitting. Jean shorts are not permitted. Other spirit days may be announced throughout the year along with specific guidelines for that day.

Scan the QR code to read more about the dress code in the Parent/Student Handbook



