

# Propel Schools – High School Dress Code

## Purpose

We have an awesome responsibility to prepare students for life beyond high school. Professional attire and standards of dress are a reality in the workplace. Developmentally our high school students view clothing as a form of expression and voice. Students have a desire to be comfortable in order to focus their attention and give their best effort in our academically challenging environment. With these considerations in mind, the Propel High School dress code promotes a positive image for students and the school, provides choice and flexibility for students and families, and prepares students to meet the demands of workplace appearance standards.

## Everyday Uniform Requirements

Students must adhere to following dress code on a daily basis. Clothing must not be of any type, style, length or fit that is of a provocative nature or unbecoming quality as determined by the building administration.

- Bottoms*            Pants, knee-length shorts, or knee-length skirts must be one of three solid colors - navy, black, or khaki (beige/ tan). Denim, gym-wear, and leggings are not permitted.
- Tops*                Shirts must be a solid color and have a collar. Logos should be less than two inches.
- Outerwear*        A solid color sweater or a Propel or University sweatshirt/hoodie may be worn over top of a collared shirt.
- Headwear*        Hats, hoodies (that are pulled up), and bandanas are not permitted. All other headwear is under the discretion of the Principals.
- Shoes*              Unsafe and open-toed shoes are not permitted.

## Special Occasions

Students have the OPTION to follow the dress guidelines below on specific dates for each month. Students that do NOT choose to participate are required to follow the Everyday Uniform Requirements above.

- College 4 All*            Students may wear any shirt, sweatshirt, or jacket that represents a specific college or university. Jeans (without holes or rips) are permitted (*Students may only participate on the 4th, 14th, and 24th of each month.*)
- School Spirit on 7s*        Students may wear any Propel shirt, sweatshirt, or jacket. Jeans (without holes or rips) are permitted. (*Students may only participate on the 7th, 17th, and 27th of each month.*)
- Dress to the 9s*            Students may wear navy or black dress pants or skirts worn with a button down white dress shirt or white blouse. Blazers, sport coats, suit coats, dress shoes, and neckties are also encouraged. (*Students may only participate on the 9th, 19th, and 29th of each month.*)

## Standards of Dress

Propel staff will monitor all student dress to maintain a safe, respectful, and distraction-free environment. Clothing that promotes violence, criminal activity, or discrimination is not acceptable. Clothing must not be of any type, style, length or fit that is of a provocative nature. Student dress that does not adhere to these standards will be determined at the sole discretion of the building administration.

## Violations

Students that are out of compliance with the above Dress Code will result in appropriate disciplinary action which might include but not be limited to – warning, immediate change of clothing, loss of privileges, loss of points, detention, parent contact, and Principal intervention. After five documented violations the student and his/her family will be required to meet with the Principal to develop a contract to comply with the Dress Code. School staff will also attempt to address the cause of the violation (willful ignorance versus family hardship preventing compliance with the Dress Code).