



# APPEARANCE AND DRESS CODE

Delphian's Appearance and Dress Code supports our educational purpose and image by taking a middle-of-the-road approach to traditional standards and avoiding unnecessary distractions.

Students should always wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the activity and location. With exceptions for specific health or religious considerations:

- All clothing should be neat, clean and in good repair at all times.
- Undergarments, midriff and cleavage should not be visible.
- Soled shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- Hats, caps or sweatshirt hoods should not be worn indoors.
- Hair should be neat and well-groomed. Unusually shaved or unnaturally colored hair is not allowed.
  - Boys' hair may not extend past the collar or cover the eyes. Boys should be clean shaven without long sideburns.
  - Girls need to keep their hair well out of their face.
- Only girls may wear piercings, and only in the ear. Girls below Middle School are not allowed to wear make-up.
- Visible tattoos are not allowed.
- Attire for sports and fitness classes is determined by the instructor or coach. A school PE uniform may be required.
- Outside the gym, students should wear another garment over spandex shorts.

In class and seminars, these additional guidelines also apply:

- No cut-offs, midriffs, very short shorts, mini-skirts, flip-flops, plastic sandals or athletic attire (leggings and tailored sweatpants are allowed).
- Skirts and dresses should be of reasonable length, no higher than mid thigh.
- For Middle and Upper School, Fridays are professional dress days for class time, seminars, assemblies, special dinners and other designated events. This gives students opportunities to practice dressing more formally.
  - Boys wear dress slacks with a belt, dress shirts and a tie, and dress shoes with dress socks; sport coats or suits are optional but encouraged.
  - Girls wear conservative dresses, or dress slacks or skirts with a blouse, dress shirt or sweater. Evening gowns, party dresses and very high-heeled shoes are considered inappropriate as they would not be acceptable in a professional setting.

If a student's appearance is unsuitable for the location or activity, or otherwise a distraction to others, the student will be asked to change.