

2021-2022 KINKAID UPPER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Students who are uncertain about dress should inquire in advance of a faculty member or the Dean of Students. The final determination of appropriate dress rests completely with the Head of School, Head of Upper School, and the Dean of Students. A student who is NOT dressed appropriately will be given detention. Repeated dress violations will result in a conference with parents and the Dean of Students and additional disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the school or non-renewal for future academic years.

Student dress is to be neat, clean, and not distracting. The following expectations describe the appropriate dress.

General

- No athletic attire allowed.
- No ripped or torn clothing allowed.
- Undergarments must not be visible, even when moving.
- Particularly distracting haircuts and extreme hair color/highlights are not allowed.
- Sheer items that reveal undergarments are NOT allowed.
- Hats are NOT allowed

Tops:

- Only college, Kinkaid, and other tops with no imagery or writing (other logos under two inches) are allowed.
- Tank-tops or shirts with spaghetti straps are NOT allowed.
- Shirts that expose the midriff or torso are NOT allowed.

Bottoms:

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be of appropriate length (appropriate length is roughly defined as longer than fingertip length when hands are at the sides).
- Pants – khakis, jeans, slacks, and dress pants are allowed.
- Yoga pants, leggings, sweatpants are NOT allowed.

Shoes:

- Athletic, casual, dress shoes, sandals, and boots are permitted.
- Flip-flops, slides, beach shoes made of rubber, plastic, or foam are NOT allowed.
- Slippers and house shoes are NOT allowed.

Professional Dress Days

On announced days, students are expected to dress in professional business attire. In short, students should wear clothing that they would wear to a professional interview. The “general” rules still apply, but there are additional expectations.

Boys:

- Sportcoat, dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, and a belt are required.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Dress shoes and dress socks.



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- Jeans, tennis shoes, and sandals are NOT allowed.

Girls:

- Dresses, shirts, or dress slacks and blouses are required.
- Dresses and skirts must be of appropriate length (appropriate length is roughly defined as longer than fingertip length when hands are at the sides).
- Dress shoes, sandals, or dress boots.
- Jeans and tennis shoes are NOT allowed.

Free Dress Days

On announced days, the Upper School Dress Code is relaxed to allow a celebration of a sport or event. A theme is often provided and encouraged. On Free Dress Days, the “general rules” are relaxed to allow athletic attire including athletics shorts, leggings, etc. Non-Kinkaid T-shirts are also allowed and any messaging on clothing must be school-appropriate and non-distracting. Rules prohibiting the visibility of undergarments are still in place.

