

Uniform Dress Code

KHS believes that a uniform dress code is an important part of a safe, orderly school environment where the focus is on students learning how to become respectful, responsible young citizens. The policy allows for some student choice, yet establishes parameters for acceptable dress. Students at KHS should be in “uniform” from the time they arrive at school until they leave campus for the day.

The principal will review the uniform dress code annually and publish the requirements in the student handbook each year. Any student not in dress code will have to get in dress code or parents will be called to bring proper dress attire or will be sent home.

The following is a description of appropriate dress for students:

Pants:

- Tan/Khaki, black, or navy blue pants/shorts for boys (twill material or corduroy)
- Tan/Khaki, black, or navy blue pants/shorts/skirts/skorts/jumpers/polo dresses (red dresses okay) for girls. (If students wear skirts or dresses; shorts, leggings or tights must be worn underneath in dress code colors.)
- Shorts length must be appropriate length (no shorter than the tips of fingers when down straight by the sides of the body). If pants sag then some type of belt or elastic is required.
- The following materials are NOT allowed: denim material, sweat pant material, “shiny” nylon material, legging material, jogger style pants, skinny pants, no elastic around the bottom of pant legs.

Shirts:

- Shirts will be pullover, button polo, long/short sleeve in solid white, black, primary red, or navy blue.
- Button down dress shirts are NOT within dress code.
- Shirttails must be completely tucked in during the regular day. Belt loops/waist line must be visible when shirts are tucked in. No “blousing” shirts (tucking in shirt and folding over waistline).
- Logos and wording on the outside of shirts are NOT allowed (except for Kestrel Heights logo)
- Shirts need to be buttoned up enough to be appropriate for the educational setting (The Principal will be the final say on what is appropriate, shirts should not be revealing).

Sweatshirts/Sweaters/Fleece:

- Solid-colored sweatshirts, sweaters, or fleece (same colors as dress code shirts) are permitted. Polo shirts need to be worn under any outer wear.
- Hoodies on sweatshirts are not allowed.
- Logos and wording on the outside of sweatshirts/turtlenecks/sweaters are NOT allowed (except for Kestrel Heights logo).
- Sweatshirt-like full or half zippers in dress code colors are allowed.
- Outerwear jackets are not to be worn in the classroom.

Shoes:

- Shoes (with laces tied) should be comfortable and have non-skid rubber soles. We recommend that students wear tennis or other “sport” shoes that are in good repair. Closed toe shoes only. Shoes must be worn at all times, unless classroom teacher allows it for a class activity.
- **No Flip-flops**, high heeled shoes, or bedroom slippers are allowed.

Undergarments

- Any visible clothing (examples include undershirts, leggings, turtlenecks, etc) worn under the dress code must also be in one of the 4 colors (primary red, black, white, navy blue) and they cannot have any writing or emblems on them.
- Leggings or tights do not count as pants and cannot make up the lengths for short shorts, short skirts, or short dresses (all outer clothing must meet the elementary fingertip rule).

Jewelry/headgear/extra external garments:

- Bows and headbands are allowed; animal ears or character bands are considered toys and are not allowed in school.
- Non-prescription eyewear is not allowed at school.
- Pierced ornamental jewelry is allowed but can be banned on an individual basis if it becomes a distraction.
- Necklaces may be worn but must be tucked under the student's shirt.
- Clothing required by the tenets of a student's religious tradition, such as headscarves or yarmulkes are allowed.
- Gloves are to be removed during the school day (7:30 am- 2:15 pm) unless the class is involved in an outside activity and the weather deems them appropriate
- Vests (other than sweater vests in KHS dress code colors) are not permitted.
- Bracelets that cause any distraction will be asked to be taken off.
- No Electronic belt buckles are allowed. Other belt buckles that cause a general distraction will not be allowed either; this includes but is not limited to skulls, crowns, or other distracting items.
- Anything worn by student that is causing a distraction to the school environment will be addressed by school staff, which could include removal of distracting item.
- Hats are not to be worn in the school building.
- Scarves (unless for religious reasons) are not allowed.

Dress Down Days and Friday Days

- Every Friday students will be allowed to wear any **unaltered** KHS shirt (no missing sleeves, no writing on shirts, etc.). These KHS shirts can be any KHS shirt bought through KHS. No "homemade" KHS shirts are allowed. Unaltered KHS logo sweat pants are allowed this day.
- The **first Friday** of each month is designated as dress down day.
- Students can lose their dress down days as a school, grade, group, or individually. Examples of reasons for losing dress down day are behavior and overall effort.
- During dress down days, students are allowed to wear clothes that are "appropriate" for school or they may wear dress code clothes. Clothes **not allowed** include shirts or blouses without sleeves, or shirts/blouses that expose cleavage or the abdominal area; skirts or shorts with lengths that do not touch a student's fingertips when the student is standing with hands by his/her side; and clothing with vulgar or alcohol-, drug- or tobacco-related language. The "Other" category described in the preceding paragraph should also be followed. Students with questions about appropriate clothing should check with one of their teachers.
- No bedtime clothes are allowed during dress down days. Examples include bath robes and PJs.
- Teachers and Administration reserve the right to designate special dress days. (i.e. spirit week, presentation days)