# Parental Partnership: Dress Code

To enable students to reach high academic standards, the school has put in place a dress code designed to reduce distractions and competitions. Implementing a simple, flexible, cost-effective dress code promotes student learning and increased academic instruction time. Interpretation of the Dress Code is at the principal and staff's discretion and their decision is final.

### Personal Hygiene

The personal grooming of students should be in accord with the standards set by the uniform dress code. Students should be clean and neat when at school. All personal grooming items (brushes, combs, lip gloss, lotions, sprays, purses, etc.) must stay in student's backpacks or lockers.

#### **Grades K-8 Uniform**

- Shirts must be a short or long sleeve white, navy, or light blue polo.
- Slacks or dress pants must be navy blue, black or tan.

#### **All Students**

- Loafer type or casual dress or athletic shoes may be worn. No light-ups permitted. No open-toed shoes are permitted.
- If socks are shown (i.e. with shorts, skirts, etc.) they must be uniform color.
- Additional athletic shoes should be brought to school for use in gym.
- No boots worn with uniform inside of school that are taller than ankle height, otherwise the pant leg must cover the boot.
- Pants are not permitted to sag.
- For grades 6-8, a solid black, brown or navy belt must be worn with bottoms.
- Shirts must be tucked neatly into bottoms at all times.
- Black or navy sweatshirts, hoodies or sweaters are allowed to be worn over collared shirts. Hoods cannot be worn on the head in school. Writing and images must be minimal.
- No jeans are permitted except on designated dress down days.
- On dress down days, jeans may be worn with either a Be Nice T-shirt or official Timberland shirts.
- Jeans worn on designated days must be blue or black and may not be ripped or torn.
- Undershirts and any shirt worn underneath the uniform shirt must be white, navy or light blue.
- Head gear of any kind is not permitted (e.g., hats, doo-rags, or scarves).
- All clothing must be the non-provocative and appropriate size for the student.
- Hair color must be conservative and of natural tones. No extreme or distracting hair styles are permitted (i.e., Mohawks or brightly colored hair, etc.).
- Hair must be neat, clean, and appropriate for college bound scholars.
- Body piercing ornaments are not permitted.
- Wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia, names, signs, or symbols of gang membership are prohibited.
- No neck, ring or wrist jewelry (except for watches and official "be nice." wristbands) permitted.
- Administrative discretion will be administered for any dress code concerns deemed provocative, distracting, extreme or inappropriate.

#### **Boys**

- Navy, black or tan pants or shorts must be worn.
- No earrings are permitted.
- Haircuts & styles may not be distracting or extreme.

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## Girls

- Navy, black or tan pants, skirts, skorts, or jumpers must be worn. All skirts must be knee length.
- A reasonable number of small earrings, less than one inch, are permitted. Only ears may be pierced.
- Extreme makeup is not permitted.
- Leggings or "jeggings" are not permitted as pants.
- Chest/Cleavage is not to be exposed
- Administrative discretion will be administered for any clothing or fit deemed provocative or inappropriate.