

Dress Code Guidelines

Prekindergarten – Grade 12

It is our hope that our students will adhere not only to the letter of the dress code, but the spirit as well.

Seacrest has a dress code designed to promote focused study habits, encourage neatness, provide for safety, and avoid competition, confusion, and expense. Parental cooperation and participation is needed to provide guidance for your children regarding this requirement. Please make sure your child is dressed according to the Seacrest dress code each morning when leaving home. If there is a question about an article of clothing, please check with the administration prior to allowing your child to wear it to school. Parents will be notified if a student is improperly dressed. The school reserves the right to make any decisions concerning the dress code.

Fit:

- ◆ **Nothing too big, too baggy, too tight, too long, or too short.** This means the shirts must not look like dresses, no midriff may be exposed, pants must fit at the waist, skirts no longer than mid-calf, and short shorts are inappropriate for school. Lengths and styles of clothing must adhere to those pictured in Lands' End catalogs.
- ◆ **No holes, rips, patches, tears, or frayed/fringed hems.**
- ◆ **Length:** **For girls:** Shorts, shortalls, jumpers, skirts, and skorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh and skirts no longer than mid-calf.
For Boys: Shorts may be no longer than the bottom of the knee.

Style:

- ◆ Clothing may be purchased from any catalogs or stores however, lengths and styles must adhere to those pictured in Lands' End catalogs.
- ◆ **Seacrest long-sleeved polo shirts may be worn in the winter.**
- ◆ **In grades 4 to 8: No athletic shorts, cargo shorts/pants, or board shorts.**
No sleeveless shirts.
- ◆ **In grades 9 - 12: cargo pants and shorts are acceptable.**
- ◆ **Undershirts worn under the Seacrest shirt must be white and may not include any lettering or logos.**
Undershirts must never fall below the sleeve or bottom hem of the Seacrest shirt.
- ◆ **No sleeveless shirts**

Fabric:

- ◆ **No camouflage materials** at any time (including free-dress days).
- ◆ **No denim in grades 4 to 12.**

Belts: If belts are worn, they must be plain, unadorned, and secured with a buckle. Chains are not permitted.

Shoes:

- ◆ Sneakers, top siders, canvas slip-ons, and flats are acceptable for everyday.
Socks must be worn with all shoes.
- ◆ **Dress shoes for girls** must have enclosed toes and must have a back (in grades 6 to 12 girls may have heels no higher than 1½" but, no platforms).
- ◆ **Dress shoes for boys:** loafers, top siders, or leather tie-shoes.
- ◆ **Not permitted:** High-top boots, sandals, open toed shoes, backless shoes, leather soled party shoes, clogs, cleats, platforms, shoes with wheels, shoes with deep grooves in the soles, and any shoes that might be considered unsafe.

Hats: Hats and caps are strongly encouraged any time that the children are outside. However, all head coverings must be removed when inside the buildings.

P.E. note: Students in grades 6 – 12 enrolled in P.E. **must** change into P.E. uniforms for every P.E. class. P.E. clothing will NOT be available for sale during the school day; clothing will be for sale at Seacrest Outfitters *only* before and after school. Students without the proper P.E. uniform will be given the use of a "loaner" uniform by the P.E. department.

Sweaters & Sweatshirts: Seacrest sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn. Any others must be **absolutely plain**. "Loaner" Seacrest sweatshirts will be available if a student is wearing a non-dress code item.

Swimsuits: On swimming and beach field trips, girls are required to wear one-piece bathing suits. Two-piece bathing suits are not allowed in any grade.

Free Dress Days: On scheduled Free Dress Days throughout the year, students are expected to adhere to the dress code guidelines concerning fit. Shoes must be appropriate for the school setting. At no time will clothing with offensive designs or language, camouflage material, or tank tops be permitted.

No makeup may be worn in the elementary grades. Students in grades 6 through 12 may use a minimal amount of conservative makeup. Jewelry must be conservative in size, design, and amount. Only studs and small hoop earrings are permitted; **no** dangles. Haircuts and color must be conservative and deemed appropriate by the school. Hair must be off-the-collar for boys; boys with hair longer than the collar must have their hair pulled back in an unadorned ponytail; for both boys and girls, bangs may not be below the eyebrows.

Students' non compliance with the dress code will be handled in the following manner: Students will be sent to the office and provided with appropriate "loaner" clothing to include khaki drawstring pants or wrap-around skirts and collared shirts. Loaner clothing must be returned to the office at the end of the day at which time the student's inappropriate clothing will be returned. The school reserves the right to prohibit any item of dress or accessory that is deemed inappropriate.