

# 2023-2024 TILTON SCHOOL

## DRESS CODE

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### INTRODUCTION

Tilton School's dress code aims to:

- encourage students to learn that different activities and contexts call for different types of attire.
- offer students the chance to practice dressing appropriately and comfortably.
- ensure that students are dressed appropriately for full participation in classroom, science lab, studio, dining and other activities.
- allow wider choice for students of all genders.
- make the dress code easy to follow and enforce.

At all times:

- Clothing should be neat, clean, and in good condition (no holes or tears).
- Clothing should allow for a broad range of activities without exposing underwear and provide full coverage of the torso.
- Clothing should be weather appropriate and winter outerwear should be removed during indoor classes.
- Hats, earbuds and headphones should be removed in meeting areas such as the academic buildings and classrooms, dining hall and Chapel. For safety, earbuds and headphones should be removed in bathrooms, hallways and roadways.
- Garments or accessories should be free of language or images that promote or advertise drugs, alcohol, or inappropriate or offensive words/images/ideals.

### TYPES OF DRESS

At Tilton specifically, most situations call for certain types of dress:

- **Classroom Dress:** During the academic day, students should be dressed appropriately for the classroom environment by adhering to neat casual attire. In addition to the above, students should note that some classes may require additional restrictions on dress to ensure full participation or to promote safety, such as in outdoor classes, art classes and labs.

- Included in classroom dress:

- Shirts, dress shirts/tops, sweaters, turtlenecks, tanks with minimum 2" shoulder strap
- Hemmed shorts with minimum of 5" inseam including golf shorts, khakis, jean shorts
- Knee-length dresses or skirts
- Pants, including jeans and khakis
- Leggings designed specifically for dress attire (not athletic attire)

- Not included in classroom dress:

- Hats
- Sweatshirts or hoodies\*
- Sweatpants or athletic leggings
- Mesh or running shorts
- Tops that do not meet the waistline of pants/shorts/skirt
- Flip flops or slides
- Clothing specifically designed as fitness attire
- Jeans with tears or holes

\*On Wednesdays, students will be permitted to wear Tilton branded hoodies and sweatshirts. Please note that hoodies must remain down during class time.

- **Other Forms of Dress:** On certain occasions throughout the year, at the discretion of the Head of School or the Dean of Community Life, students will be required to dress more formally.

- **Special Events:** Students are expected to raise their level of attire at times as a show of respect to others and/or situations (class presentations, special guests, etc.)
- **Formal Dress:** On formal occasions, students are expected to wear a suit, dress, or a skirt/dress that is in accordance with the policies outlined above, pants with a formal top or blouse and dress shoes.
- **Athletic Practices and Games:** Athletic team coaches may establish their own standards for practice or game-day dress codes. Shirts and shoes must be worn in the MARC.

### **Enforcement**

Students in violation of dress code will be given a warning directly by a faculty member and will be required to change into appropriate dress **immediately**. Day students should always have alternative clothing options that ensure the ability to change into appropriate attire while on-campus. This warning will also be shared with the Community Life Office. Any tardies incurred as a result of having to change in order to be in compliance with dress code will be subject to the attendance policy. Continued infractions may be met with an increased disciplinary response and considered a pattern of unwillingness or inability to abide by school rules, considered a major school rule violation.