



U-Prep Dress Code Philosophy and Policy

At U-Prep the partnership between parents, students, and school is the foundation of our culture and environment. The dress code is an integral part of what makes our school unique and we ask families to support these rules. There are a number of reasons that we instituted this code. First of all we feel it is important to teach young adults how to present themselves in a business-like manner. Learning that there are situations that call for more formal attire, as well as times when casual dress is not appropriate is a life skill that will serve students beyond their schooling. There are many dress up and school spirit days that provide opportunities to dress differently. We believe that our dress code contributes to the academic environment, allows students to focus on their work, and sets U-Prep apart from other schools. U-Prep is a school of choice and supporting the policies that inform our culture is an important consideration in the decision to enroll your student.

U-PREP DRESS CODE

There are high standards for dress and appearance at U-Prep. U-Prep's dress code supports the academic environment by preventing disruption to student learning; it also insures student safety. All dress code policies shall be applied at the Superintendent/Principal's discretion as the need for it arises. Listed below are additional basic guidelines to help students dress appropriately for U-Prep's learning environment:

- Hats: Hats or head coverings shall not be worn on campus during the time school is in session, unless for health and safety or for religious observance. Hats may be worn at after-school activities unless the administration has determined that hats or other attire would contribute to an unsafe environment. Permission to wear hats can be granted by a student's instructor. The administration has the authority to permit the wearing of hats on designated occasions, such as dress-up days, and special performances such as musicals, plays, or as part of a uniform or for verified health reasons. When students bring hats or head coverings to school, those items should be kept in backpacks or lockers. Hats may be worn at outside games and events.

- Gang-Related Dress: Paraphernalia or clothing worn by students that is determined by administration to be gang-related is prohibited while school is in session, to and from school, and at school-sponsored functions. U-Prep's dress code prohibits any apparel, jewelry, accessories, etc., which by its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in gangs or organizations which advocate drug use, violence or disruptive behavior.
- All clothing will be clean, neat, and without aggressive holes or distressed rips and tears. Pants and shorts are not to be worn below the waist and no undergarments shall be visible at any time. Aggressive holes or distressed rips/tears above the knee are not permitted.
- Shorts, dresses, skirts, etc., must be of appropriate length. A 3-inch inseam is recommended. Aggressive holes or distressed rips tears are not permitted.
- Tops must cover the midriff, sides of the body, back, and undergarments. Tops with low necklines, or are see-through are not permitted.
- Pajamas, pajama-like apparel, and slippers are not allowed to be worn to school.
- No costumes shall be worn except on special dress-up days arranged by the student government and approved by the administration.
- U-Prep's dress code prohibits any apparel, jewelry, accessories, or personal belongings, which have profane or suggestive slogans, put-downs, advertising of illegal substances, references to alcoholic or illegal products, violence, or disruptive behavior in the school environment. Accessories with spikes, studs, safety pins, pocket, or other chains including chokers are not permitted.
- Ear piercings and nose studs are permissible except during athletic participation. For safety purposes, all other piercings are not permitted.
- Students shall not have spiked hair that is longer than 2 inches or hair that is dyed or partially dyed unnatural colors (such as purple, pink, green, blue, etc.) with the exception of designated spirit days (in which case the dye should wash out). Students may not wear their hair in a "Mohawk" or similar style except on designated spirit days. Students may not shave symbols into their hair.
- Students are required to have proper footwear for physical education and fitness classes.

- Unless otherwise indicated by administration, the dress code applies to all dances and designated school activities.