

Birchwood School Dress Code – Kindergarten – 8th Grade*

The Birchwood School dress code reflects our desire to maintain an academic atmosphere and does not reflect personal or administrative opinions about dress or style. Our dress code is intended to minimize personal and social distractions often connected with young people’s preoccupation with fashion and help students focus on academic responsibilities. We ask parents to understand the intention and purpose of our dress code and help us head off problems before the school must exercise discipline.

***Preschool students** do not have an assigned dress code. See page 3 for information regarding preschool dress.

ITEM	TYPE	STYLE	COLORS	VIOLATIONS
SHIRTS	SHORT SLEEVED LONG SLEEVED	Polo Collared Turtleneck	<u>Solid Colors</u> Navy Blue (visible Forest Green layers must White be dress Red code colors)	Tank Tops Sleeveless T-shirts Midriff revealing Logos other than Hawken or Birchwood
PANTS	LONG PANTS CAPRIS for girls	Dress	Khaki Navy Blue Black	Leggings worn as pants Cargo/leg pockets Midriff revealing Excessively baggy Bell Bottoms Jeans Gym Pants
SHORTS	LONG SHORTS (no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee)	Dress	Khaki Navy Blue Black	Midriff revealing Excessively baggy Cargo/leg pockets Jeans
SWEATERS	SHORT SLEEVED LONG SLEEVED VEST	Pull-over or Cardigan (with buttons or zippers)	<u>Solid Colors</u> Navy Blue, Forest Green, White, Black, Grey, Red	Logos other than Hawken or Birchwood
SWEATSHIRTS (During winter months)	LONG SLEEVED	Pull-over, Hoodie, or Fleece	(same as SWEATER colors above)	Logos other than Hawken or Birchwood Not wearing an appropriate polo, collared, or turtleneck shirt underneath
SHOES* *Pre-K and K must wear athletic shoes with rubber soles – if possible Velcro or slip-on	ATHLETIC or DRESS	Flat soles (no heels) Rubber soles	<u>Athletic</u> Prominent Color: White, Black, Grey, Navy; moderate markings Shoelaces: White, black, grey <u>Dress</u> Black or brown (non-marking)	Fluorescent colors on shoes or shoelaces Boots Open toe shoes, sandals Crocs, clogs, slippers, moccasins Decorations (sparkles, etc.) Student writing

ITEM	TYPE	STYLE	COLORS	VIOLATIONS
SKIRTS for girls	SKIRTS/SKORTS (no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee)	Dress	<u>Solid Colors</u> Khaki Navy Blue Black	Jean
JUMPERS for girls	(no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee)	Dress	Khaki, Navy Blue, Black Plaid: See Below Acceptable Lands' End: 1) Classic Navy/Evergreen Plaid Acceptable Schoolbelles: Schoolbelles #121	Jean
BELTS (if worn)		Dress	Black or Brown	
HAIR - Boys	SHORT	Clean-cut, off the ear, off the collar, out of the eyes		
HAIR - Girls		Neat and off the face	Hair clips and bands must be school colors	Any decorative item such as beads, flowers, streaks of color, etc.
SOCKS, TIGHTS	DRESS		<u>Solid Colors</u> Navy Blue, Forest Green, White, Grey, Brown, Tan, Black	Colors outside of ones listed Prints, Patterns, or Stripes
LEGGINGS		Can only be worn under skirts, jumpers, skorts, or shorts	Same as sock colors	Leggings worn as pants
GYM SHIRTS	SHORT or LONG SLEEVED	T-shirt	<u>Solid Colors</u> Grey, White, or colored BW t- shirt or BW competition t-shirt	Logos other than Hawken or Birchwood Sleeveless
GYM SHORTS	No shorter than 2 inches above knee	Athletic	Navy Blue Black Grey	
GYM PANTS	LONG (or capris for girls)	Sweat, Athletic	Navy Blue, Black, Grey	Stripes or holes Leggings Yoga pants
GYM SWEATSHIRTS	LONG SLEEVED	Pull-over or Hoodie	<u>Solid Colors</u> Navy Blue, Forest Green, White, Black, Grey	Logos other than Hawken or Birchwood

Other Violations:

- Hats and hoods are not to be worn in the school building
- Only one piece of modest-sized, non-distracting jewelry is allowed
- No dangling earrings
- No make-up
- No nail polish
- No backpacks, purses, or decorative bags are allowed in classes
- Use of electronics is not allowed during the school day including cell phones, Apple watches and other wearable devices that can text or access the Internet
- No toys or trading cards are allowed in school, including recess time

Dress down days

- The first school day of each month beginning in October as a reward for students who comply with the school dress code daily.
- Reading days each month for students in grades 3-8 for comfort during sustained silent reading.
- Spirit Day, the first Friday of each month. Students can dress down if they have a shirt or pants that say Birchwood School or Birchwood School of Hawken
- Children may wear clothing of their choice with the exception of sleeveless shirts, clothes with holes, or inappropriate logos or graphics. Shoes must have a closed toe and heel.
- Leggings cannot be worn as pants.
- Skirts, shorts, and dresses should be no shorter than 2 inches above the top of the knee

Field Trips

- School dress code should be followed unless otherwise indicated on field trip form
- When asked to dress up, students are not allowed to wear jeans, shorts, or t-shirts
- When allowed to dress down, **students should follow the dress down day policy**
- Students must follow dress code policy for shoes on all field trips

Consequences for dress code violations:

First warning - Verbal reminder to student

Second warning - Written reminder sent home to parent requiring parent signature

Third warning – Student will not be allowed in class until violation is corrected

Preschool Dress Code

Preschool students do not have an assigned dress code, but they are required to wear:

- Athletic shoes with rubber soles (if possible, Velcro or slip-on)

Students will be participating in hands-on art activities during which they may get their clothes dirty:

- Parents are asked to dress their children accordingly in order for the children to explore all aspects of the preschool curriculum with the freedom they desire.
- Appropriate attire includes outdoor gear which will adequately protect the children as they enjoy nature, rain or shine