

Oak Park High School - Dress Code

Permitted Apparel (Students CAN wear the following):

Our students are expected to wear black or khaki bottoms with a red, white, or black shirt, or school spirit attire, approved by building administration, Monday through Thursday. Jean/Denim material is permissible as long as the color is black or khaki. Students are rewarded with a “free-dress” day on Friday for their compliance with the dress code. Friday “free-dress” day is also an opportunity for students to demonstrate their school pride by wearing Oak Park High School paraphernalia or to appropriately display their unique and creative form of personal expression / style. Any attire that administration / staff deems inappropriate for a learning environment will **not** be permitted.

Grades 9-12

- All students must wear the appropriate apparel permitted for his/her designated school. Deviation from the District policy requires approval from school administration; or at approved school sanctioned events.
- Female students may wear knee length skirts, without slits
- Neck ties are optional for males and/or females
- Close-toe shoes or boots must be worn
- Shorts, skorts, or jumpers must be knee length
- Accommodations will be made for documented religious observances/attire
- Attire for specialized programs/events will be exempt from code of attire with **permission by administration**
- All sweaters, vests, and blazers are permitted if the appropriate shirt is worn underneath

Any clothing articles that administration / staff deems inappropriate for a learning environment will not be permitted.

Students violating this policy shall be subject to correction and disciplinary action as is determined appropriate by the building administrators and school board policy.

INCENTIVE FOR COMPLIANCE/APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR: *Students will have SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY on Friday. School spirit day includes the wearing of jeans, school paraphernalia shirt and/or red, white, black jogging suit. Appropriate behavior/attire worn Monday through Thursday is rewarded with an opportunity to show school pride on Friday. *This incentive is at the discretion of administration. Free dress days may be approved by administration for designated days as a PBIS incentive or fundraiser for student activities. Notification or documentation will be provided for approved dates.*

Prohibited Apparel

(Students can NOT wear the following during school hours, lunch time, or hall passing):

Grades 9-12

- No hooded garments at any time.
- Skin tight, baggy, saggy, or oversized items of clothing or over exposed clothing will not be permitted
- No inappropriate leggings or stretch pants
- Team jerseys, sweatshirts, tank tops/spaghetti straps, strapless or halter-tops, sheer / see-through blouses, inappropriate shorts, or bare midriffs are not allowed
- No sweat suits, jogging attire, or fleece attire (except on school spirit Fridays)
- No sandals, flip-flops, slippers, open-toe shoes, or gym shoes with wheels
- No headgear of any kind, including hats, caps, headbands, scarves, do-rags, stocking caps, bandana hats and baseball caps
- No gang paraphernalia (i.e. jewelry, clothing, symbols or other objects)
- No dark shaded/sunglasses or designer brand stitched leather outer jackets
- No pajamas, sleepwear, or outer loungewear
- Outer clothing/garments such as gloves, jackets, and overcoats designed strictly for outdoors are not to be worn in school or carried to and from classes, unless approved by administration. Outer garments must be stored in the student's locker/designated closet.
- Any type of garment, jewelry, or accessory with profanity, inappropriate words, inappropriate pictures, or implied messages that are inappropriate will not be permitted

Any loss or theft of any of the aforementioned prohibited items will **not** be investigated by school security/administration.

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Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined appropriate by the building administrator(s) and/or school board policy.

OPHS DRESS CODE PROTOCOL

Daily Protocol

Students **ARRIVE** to school in dress code according to the policy. Students who are not in compliance will report to the cafeteria to obtain a CAAT ticket from the Behavior Interventionist and Graduation Coordinator, **students must keep CAAT tickets for the remainder of the day to present** to security, teachers, and staff members as requested.

Behavior Interventionist will process dress code infractions into MISTAR, provide detentions/consequences to violators, conference with repeat offenders, and contact parents/guardians regarding dress code. Habitual Offenders 5th offense or more will be recommended for Suspension / Administrative Action.

Code of attire is communicated to stakeholders, students, and parents in the student/parent handbook, website, and announcements. These collective efforts provide students with a clear expectation of the dress code policy.

Teachers will provide support during greetings (before class starts) when students are entering the classroom by sending the dress code violators without CAAT tickets to room D174 immediately or sending an email of the students' names to the applicable behavior interventionist.

Behavior Interventionist and Security will provide daily "spot checks" to classrooms to further enforce the dress code policy (teachers will receive an email prior to "spot checks" with date and time).

1st – 4th Offense

- Log dress code infraction on student's record in MISTAR & issue CAAT ticket along with a detention
- **Student must keep the appropriate CAAT ticket on his / her person for the entire school day and present it upon entry into each class or whenever requested.**
- Student may opt to participate in **REDEMPTION Process** (RP): Student will transform behavior by attending school in appropriate dress code on the applicable days prior to the designated detention date. Student will obtain signatures from his/her teachers on the RP form to verify that the student attended class in dress code. As a result of the student's intentional effort to meet school expectations and transform his / her behavior, the detention will be **waived**. This option is only available for the first few offenses (1st – 4th), beyond that amount is a reflection of intentional defiance.
- Contact parent/guardian regarding dress code violation and detention date and time, if the student fails to participate in "RP" to transform the behavior and redeem his/herself.

Mandatory Detention on Thursdays (in LGI)

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Students must be on time to serve the detention and stay for the full duration of the session.

* Students who participate in **ANY** extra-curricular activities, including: all sports, band, or clubs, will not be allowed for any reason to participate on that particular day, if the detention is NOT served.

	<p>*If the student fails to serve detention on Thursday, the student will receive a 1-day in-school suspension. Subsequent detentions for the same infraction will result in multiple in-school suspension days and mandatory parent meeting with Behavior Interventionist. The student will remain suspended until the parent meeting occurs.</p>
<p>5th -Subsequent Offenses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue CAAT ticket along with denoting the severity of the offense and applicable consequences • Student must keep the appropriate CAAT ticket on his / her person for the entire school day and present it upon entry into each class or whenever requested. • Log infraction on student’s record in MISTAR, contact parent/guardian regarding habitual dress code infraction and schedule meeting. • Set up a <u>mandatory</u> parent meeting and conference with Behavior Interventionist regarding remediation of unacceptable behavior/persistent misconduct • Issue student a short term in-school suspension (up to 5-days) • Establish Behavior Contract, including letter of accountability and restorative practices • Student may return to class after the suspension is served and the parent meeting conducted. If the parent/guardian fails to attend the mandatory meeting with the Behavior Interventionist, regarding subsequent offenses, the student will be suspended, again, pending parent/guardian meeting. <p style="text-align: center;">Subsequent offenses may result in persistent misconduct infraction with applicable consequences</p>

Oak Park High School
Student Letter of Accountability

Date: _____

Dear _____:

I hold myself accountable for intentionally violating the school and district policy regarding dress code. I must arrive to school appropriately dressed and remain in compliance with the dress code throughout each school day.

The reason that I did not follow the rule and wear appropriate school attire was:

Despite my reason, it was not the best choice to violate the policy.

In the future, I will make a better choice by meeting this school expectation. I will commit to doing the following:

This letter is an intentional effort to restore our relationship and to resume my participation in our school/classroom community. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

(Student Signature)

(print name & student ID#)

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Behavior Contract for Dress Code Violation

By signing this form, I am verifying that I am aware of the Oak Park High School Dress Code Policy, specifically the consequences for subsequent offenses, which result in suspension. I understand that it is my responsibility to arrive to school appropriately dressed and to remain in compliance with the dress code throughout each school day. I can commit to meeting or exceeding this expectation.

Student will start the contract on this date _____ and end on this date _____.

I, _____, promise not to violate the policy again and I will comply with the school's expectation during this contractual period and throughout the duration of the school year. Failure to comply with this contract will result in suspension and/or persistent misconduct violation and consequences.

Student Name (print)	
Student ID #	
Student Signature	
Parent Name (print)	
Parent Signature	
Parent Telephone #	
Parent Email Address	
OPHS Staff Signature	
Date	