

Xavier Charter School

STUDENTS

Policy: 3260 Student Dress Code K-6

While students are responsible for their clothing and appearance, it is the parents who are responsible for providing the conditions required for meeting the dress code. Parents are urged to understand the dress code and to ensure that their children go to school each day in the right attire from head to toe. It is an uncomfortable experience for a child to be corrected for a dress code violation, and repeated issues can become an enormous distraction for students. Our students should dress their best, look their best, and do their best. All clothing must be clean, neat, and in properly fitting condition. If a child is deemed to be wearing attire that does not meet the XCS dress code, the parent will be notified, and a change of clothing may be required for the student to return to class. If in doubt about an article of clothing, check with a school administrator.

Students must stay in dress code whenever they are on campus (including the parking lot) during a school day, 7:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and at all Xavier Charter School activities. This means arriving on campus fully in dress code and leaving campus fully in dress code. Students may only change out of dress code after school with teacher permission to participate in an approved curricular or school-sponsored event that requires an immediate change in dress.

This dress code policy applies to the regular school hours from 7:40 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and at all Xavier Charter School activities.

Dress Code for Grades K – 6

All clothing must be solid-colored (no patterns, tie-dye, camo, or logos larger than a 4 inch square), clean, and properly fitted with no rips or holes.

Permitted attire is limited to the following:

Tops

- Solid-color collared shirt (*such as a polo or a turtleneck*) Shirts must cover shoulders and midriff, front and back. Button-downs must be fully buttoned.
- Solid-color underlayer (*such as t-shirt or camisole*) worn under a collared shirt, not as the outer layer.
- Solid-color hoodless layer (*such as a vest, pullover sweater, or sweatshirt*) may be worn over a collared shirt.
- Solid-color dress (*No collar required. Must cover shoulders.*)
- Jumper or romper with a collared shirt or turtleneck underneath

Bottoms

- Any solid color, except blue denim
- Draw string or elastic waist pants are acceptable, but pants must look like pants and not athletic wear or pajamas.
- Length: past fingertip-length when standing with arms relaxed at sides
- Leggings may not be worn alone as bottoms. Leggings may be worn as a bottom layer under qualifying shorts/skirts only.

Accessories (*limited to the jewelry and the piercings described below.*)

- Up to 4 bracelets in total (Not 4 on each wrist.)
- Up to 2 necklaces in total.
- Up to two piercings per ear
- One small nose stud
- One watch (no phone/text capability)

Footwear

- Closed-toe shoes only

Outerwear

- Outerwear is permitted outside, but must be removed in the building. This includes, but is not limited to: jackets, coats, full-zip hooded sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves.
- Full-zip hooded sweatshirts are permitted outdoors only and must be removed upon entering the building. Pullover hoodies are not permitted on campus.

Xavier Wear

- Mon.–Thurs.: Students may wear all Xavier gear that meets dress code rules above, with a logo no larger than 4 in².
- Friday: Xavier Spirit Day: students may wear any Xavier gear regardless of the dress code rules above, including items with patterns, graphics, or logos of any size. Non-Xavier clothing worn on Fridays must still meet all dress code rules.
- Xavier Club wear may be worn on days listed on the school calendar as club event days.

Hair: Worn neat, clean, and not obstructing vision

Special situations: Students may change out of dress code only after 3:30 p.m. or with teacher permission.

Students are not to wear or carry items of apparel (clothing, accessories, cosmetics, tattoos, jewelry-including body piercing) which depict or allude to, by picture, symbol, or word: drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, gangs, violence, sexually explicit, lewd, indecent or offensive material, or illegal acts. Accessories must be spike-free.

Not permitted anywhere in the dress code: Athletic wear (including gym shorts, sweatpants, and warm-up pants), sleepwear, and visible undergarments.

Decisions about apparel may be referred to the Head of Schools or designee, whose decision will be final. Parents should address specific concerns with the administration as soon as possible.

Interpretation and Implementation of Policy

The Head of Schools and faculty shall use reasonable discretion in interpreting and implementing the provisions of this policy. If a conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the Head of Schools shall be final.

Enforcement

The enforcement of the dress code policy will take place during the school day (7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and at all Xavier Charter School activities. Dress code violations will be handled on a tiered basis similar to other disciplinary issues. Students who repeatedly violate the dress code may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on the facts and circumstances, for violating the standards of student conduct.

Temporary Exceptions

As is customary at Xavier Charter School, many educational activities highlighting our Classical Education model take place that are direct exceptions to this policy. Such activities are considered appropriate and enhance the academic experience of the students. The administration has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to this policy.

Policy History:

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