

JOURNEYS ACADEMY

DRESS AND DRESS CODE POLICY

The purpose of a ***required*** uniform dress code policy is to help students develop the right attitude and perspective towards attending school. The staff at Journeys Academy (JA) believes that students who are dressed more professionally will view themselves and their peers in a more positive manner which translates to better and more on task behavior by each student.

REQUIRED POLO SHIRTS

Journeys Academy polo shirts are required for ***ALL*** students for ***the daily uniform***. Remember, students arriving to school without a Journeys Academy polo shirt on the day will be out of dress code.

Journeys Academy polo shirts are available in three colors: hunter green, maroon, and tan and are a smooth knit shirt made of 50% cotton - 50% polyester. The shirts have the Journeys Academy logo embroidered on the left side. The cost of the shirts is \$17.00. Please note: Sample shirts are available in the school office to try on.

What about uniform bottoms?

BOYS & GIRLS: Khaki or black, long pants may be purchased from any uniform department (i.e. Kmart, Old Navy, JC Penney, Sears, Target, Walmart). No 'skinny', 'cargo' or 'baggy' styles will be permitted.

Dress pants are required. *No denim, stretch, spandex, corduroy, hip-hugger, low rider or cargo pants allowed.* Dress khakis are acceptable. ***Tight fitting garments will not be tolerated.*** Pants must be worn at the waist, right above the hip bone. No extremely baggy or extra-large pants are permitted. Pant legs must reach to the shoe ***no capris***), but not touch the ground, and they must not be rolled up. (Pant legs ***must not*** be tucked in the socks. *If pants have belt loops, solid color belts must be worn no substitutes. Belts or belt buckles must not be distracting or offensive.* *Dresses and skirts will not be allowed.

SHOES

Students must wear enclosed dress shoes. *No sandals, or open-toed shoes are allowed.*

The administration of Journeys Academy reserves the right to decide whether a student is dressed according to the intent of this dress code. The decision of the dean, assistant principal, or principal is ***final!***

Coats and Jackets: During the cooler months students may wear coats and jackets traveling to and from school. No offensive words or graphics are allowed on coats and jackets. Jackets and coats must be removed and carried inside buildings at Journeys. Students must put the coats and jackets on the back of their chairs or on the floor. Students may not drape or wear these in the building. **Sweaters may be worn over shirts/blouses** during the winter months in the building. ***Turtlenecks, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. may not be worn in the building.***

Hair, Hats and Head coverings: **Absolutely no hats or head coverings** (scarves, bandanas, etc.) are allowed. Hair must be neatly groomed and not distracting.

Jewelry: **No jewelry of any kind will be allowed.** No watches, bracelets, rings, earrings, sunglasses, and piercings of any kind are permitted. (***Note: Confiscated jewelry will be returned to the student at the end of each semester!***)

Makeup and Grooming Items: No make-up or combs, brushes or other grooming items are allowed on campus. These items will be confiscated and thrown away if found in a student's possession.

Electronics: No electronic devices of any kind are allowed in a student's possession on campus. No music devices, games, phones, or any other electronic music or communication devices. *(Note: Confiscated music players will be returned to the student at the end of each semester. Confiscated phones will be returned only to the parents/guardians of the students.)*

Special Notes:

**Students who do not conform to dress code policy could receive the following consequences:*

** receive a referral*

** be sent home*

** after school detention*

** Saturday School*

** repeated violations could result in an out of school suspension and possible violation of their Journeys Academy Agreement (JAG) which would result in a recommendation for expulsion*

** Students must adhere to the uniform policy from the time they enter the school bus or if they are not transported by bus, the moment the student steps onto school property. The student must stay in dress code until the time that they enter the bus or vehicle to travel home or when the student steps off the campus*