## 2023-2024 KCHS DRESS CODE and GROOMING GUIDELINES

KCHS Students are expected to wear the uniform and groom themselves in a way that promotes the KCHS image while acknowledging that what is good for one, might not be good for another.

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | LOGO |
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| Shirts (for all) | White (only) oxford cloth, button-down collar shirts, poly/cotton blend, short or long sleeves. Hunter green, short sleeve pique and interlock polos. So that belts may be visible, shirts must be always tucked in. Blouses with $3 / 4$-sleeves do not have to be tucked. A uniform shirt collar must always be visible, including when wearing under outerwear. Official KCHS or IRISH $t$-shirts of a school sponsored team or club may be worn on Fridays only. | Yes |
| Bow Ties \& Ties | Boys may wear either, but neither can have any type of inappropriate branding or logos. | No |
| Pants (for all) | Any khaki or navy-blue chino style dress pants are permitted. No cargo or parachute style pants; No skinny/jeggings, or jean-style pants are permitted. No shorts or sweatpants permitted unless previously approved due to medical condition. | No |
| Skirt: | Khaki, navy, or plaid. Hem must fall at the top of the kneecap. Repeated failure to comply with length requirements will result in loss of the privilege of wearing the skirt for the remainder of the semester or school year. | Optional |
| Belts (for all) | Solid, neutral color dress belt, (i.e., navy blue, black, brown, grey, beige/khaki/taupe). | No |
| Socks (for all) | Solid navy blue, black, brown, grey, beige/khaki/taupe, white socks. Socks must be worn and visible at all times. No bright colors. | No |
| Shoes (for all) | Suede or leather dress shoes in brown, black, or tan i.e., Dirty Bucks, Wallabies, Sperry's, or Loafers). No backless or toeless shoes. Heel height cannot exceed 2 -inches. No canvas shoes (such as Tom's); No boots or tennis shoes of any type; No suede or leather type tennis shoes; No moccasins or fleece-lined shoes with soft sole; No house shoes. Shoelaces must be neatly tied at all times. | No |
| Outerwear (for all) | All outerwear must have a KCHS logo of some kind. Approved colors: navy blue, black, grey, white, evergreen, and gold. KCHS approved outerwear: Fleece, nylon jackets, vests, sweaters, sweatshirts, and coats are permitted. Note: Hoodies are no longer permitted. Tee shirts over the school uniform shirt are not permitted. | Yes |
| Not Permitted | Hoodies, ski jackets, denim jackets, suspenders, bandanas, hats, toboggans, scarves, and sunglasses, or anything else deemed inappropriate. |  |
| Grooming | All: No visible tattoos. No ear gages. Hair must be neatly groomed at all times. <br> Boys: No extreme non-natural colored hair or hairstyles, or facial hair. Sideburns must end at the earlobe and be neatly trimmed. No shaved heads, mohawks, or buzz cut haircuts; No earrings or band-aid coverings. <br> Girls: No nontraditional hair coloring; No brightly colored bras visible under uniform clothing; Tights must be a neutral color without patterns; earrings in ears only; no other visible piercings. |  |

Clothing in compliance with the KCHS dress code may be purchased locally from MyAPlus Uniforms and Tommy Hilfiger online. The Irish Spirit Shop offers KCHS apparel and fan gear for Irish friends. The Spirit Shop is in the school's bookstore.

KCHS Dress Code and Grooming Guidelines set forth in this publication may be altered and amended as determined appropriate by the Dean of Students.

## DRESS AND GROOMING EXPECTATIONS

Lewelry and Makeup: Use of jewelry and makeup must be moderate. Excessive accessories are not considered acceptable. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings or have any other visible piercings (i.e., nose piercings). Girls are allowed to have only ear piercings (of a conservative amount) and no other visible piercings. Boys may not wear nail polish.

Tattoos: Students are not permitted to have tattoos that are visible when the school uniform is worn.
Grooming: Boys and girls are required to be well groomed at all times with hair remaining off the face and not covering the eyes. No haircuts of unusual design (i.e., numbers, initials, or patterns), no shaved heads, or Mohawks are permitted. Braided hair must be well-groomed. Burr haircut clipper settings must not be set to any low setting. Students and sports teams are not allowed to cut patterns in their hair, nor color their hair, as part of being a member of a sports team. No facial hair is permitted. Sideburns must end at the earlobe and must be neatly groomed.

Hair color for both boys and girls must not be of an extreme non-natural color (i.e., blue, pink, purple, red, orange, etc.).

Out of Uniform Days: Skirts must be of modest length; No shorts, yoga pants, or pajama bottoms; Leggings must be accompanied by shorts, a t-shirt, or outerwear long enough to completely cover the buttocks; No bedroom slippers, flip flops, or backless shoes; No sleeveless shirts or shirts with spaghetti straps; No ripped jeans that expose the skin; No hats or bandanas. All logos and artwork on t-shirts, shirts, or sweatshirts must be appropriate and reflect the values of KCHS.

Uniform Infractions: Uniform infractions incur one demerit for the first offense and additional demerits for subsequent offenses.

## DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS

The KCHS expectation is that students are dressed for success. All uniform items must be neat and clean, must fit properly, and must not be frayed or torn. Students are expected to arrive to their first class in uniform. Shirts must be buttoned up to the second button and tucked in; ties, if worn, must be tied. Proper uniform is always expected during school hours. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action.

