PHILOSOPHY
Clothing expresses attitude and personality and also reflects and influences behavior; consequently, clothing matters. A positive attitude in appearance and behavior is conducive to learning. The purpose of the dress code is to teach and model lasting principles of dress and behavior, not simply to address current fashions and fads. Adherence to the dress code is the parents’ and students’ responsibility. Families are expected to be familiar with the dress code and to support these guidelines in the purchase of school clothing.

Students found in violation of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate attire and may require a call to the parent to bring appropriate clothing.

All clothing must be purchased from Mills Uniform Company or the Currey Ingram Used Uniform Sale unless stated otherwise.

If a student has special circumstances (e.g., sensory, sizing, allergies) and cannot wear the uniform material from Mills, please contact the Lower School Division Head.

WHERE TO FIND ITEMS

Mills Uniform Company:
Retail store is located at 204 Ward Circle in Brentwood.
You may also order by phone (800-541-1850 or 615-467-6100) or online at mills穿戴.com with school code 3812.

The CIA Spirit Shop:
Located in Frist Hall on campus.
Used uniforms are available for purchase as well as new outerwear items.
Contact Christine McGill with any questions at (615) 507-3180, ext. 461.

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**GIRLS’ CLOTHING**  
*In addition to boys'/girls’ items below*

**Shirts and blouses all with CI monogram:**
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo
- Short- or long-sleeved girls’ fit gray, yellow or dark navy cotton/poly pique polo
- Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo

**Cardigan:**
- Girls’ acrylic jewel-neck cardigan sweater with CI monogram

**Khaki pants:**
- Grades K-2: Cotton/poly twill pull-on pants (elastic waist)
- Grades K-4: Stretch-twill skinny pants

**Dress and Skorts:**
- Short- or long-sleeved navy cotton/poly tennis dress with CI monogram
- Plaid 2-in-1 skort
- Khaki twill 2-in-1 skort

**Tights and Leggings:**
- Solid navy, hunter green, or white opaque or cable knit tights or leggings (any vendor)
- CI leggings (CIA Spirit Shop)

**Headbands and Hairbows:**
- Red, navy, white and hunter green bows (CIA Spirit Shop)
- Plaid hairbow, scrunchie and headbands (Mills Uniform Company)

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**BOYS’ CLOTHING**  
*In addition to boys'/girls’ items below*

**Shirts, all with CI Monogram:**
- Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo
- Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo

**Khaki pants and shorts:**
- Grades K-2: Cotton/poly twill pull-on pants and shorts (elastic waist)
- Grades K-4: Cotton/poly twill flat front pants and shorts

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**GIRLS’ AND BOYS’ CLOTHING**

**Corduroy pants:**
- Must be similar in color to the khaki pants offered by Mills Uniform Company (any vendor)

**Belts:**
- Solid or braided brown leather belt (any vendor)

**CIA Outerwear:**
- Navy sweatshirt with ¼ zip and CI monogram (Mills Uniform Company)
- Unisex Navy Fleece Full-zip Jacket with CIA logo (Mills Uniform Company)
- Black hooded Currey Ingram sweatshirt (CIA Spirit Shop)
- Gray full-zip hooded Currey Ingram sweatshirt (CIA Spirit Shop)
- Hunter green fleece with Mustang logo (CIA Spirit Shop)

**Shoes:**
- Tennis shoes, must be closed-toed and have Velcro or laces (any vendor)
- Shoes with zippers, wheels or spinning discs are not permitted. No platforms, heels or boots, and shoes should not be distracting, i.e., loud colors, embellishments.

**Socks:**
- Solid white, gray, navy or black, must extend above top of the shoe (any vendor)

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DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Shirts
- Shirts must be tucked into skirts or pants. Only the top button of the shirt may be unbuttoned.
- Ties are not permitted to be worn with uniform polo shirts.
- Shirts must not be layered in such a way that a long-sleeved garment is worn under a short-sleeved or sleeveless garment unless intended to be worn that way.
- Undergarments worn under blouses or shirts must be all white or natural in color.
- A uniform shirt is to be worn under all sweaters, fleeces and sweatshirts.

Sweaters, Fleece and Sweatshirts
- Currey Ingram sweatshirts and fleeces may be worn in the building; however, the hood may not cover the head while inside a building.
- Non-Currey Ingram sweatshirts may not be worn in the classrooms or during indoor transitions.

Skorts and Dresses
- Items listed must be no shorter than four inches above the knee and should not be inappropriately snug.
- Leggings may be worn under garments during cold/cool weather only (approx. Nov. - Mar.)
- Biker shorts are recommended to be worn under dresses and skirts year round. These help girls to actively participate in P.E. and recess activities.
- Skorts and dresses should be neatly hemmed (i.e., no pins) and may not be rolled at the waist in order to shorten the length.

Pants
- If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn through the loops at the waistline.
- Pants must be worn full-length (i.e., no cut off or rolled pants legs) and fit well (i.e., not oversized or baggy and not worn in the “low-rider” style).

Shoes
- Shoes must be closed toe and tie, have Velcro closings, or slip on.
- Athletic shoes in good condition are required for P.E. classes for all students.
- Shoes with zippers, wheels (i.e., Heelys) or spinning discs (i.e., Skechers Bella Ballerina) are not permitted inside the building.
- No platform, heels or boots, and shoes should not be distracting.

Socks
- Socks must be worn and extend at least to the top of the shoe.

Hats and Outerwear
- Coats, hats and gloves for outside wear can be of any style or type; however, they must be in good repair and without obscene language.
- Jackets, hats, gloves and non-Currey Ingram sweatshirts and fleeces may not be worn inside the building. They may be worn during outside transitions, recess or other outside activities.

Hair
- Hair should be well-groomed, clean and styled so it does not extend below the eyebrows.
- Hair should be styled in a way that it does not become a distraction.
- Hair (if color-treated) must be a natural hair color.
- Hair accessories may not be extreme in style and should coordinate with the uniform colors.

Make-up
- Make-up is not permitted except for lip gloss or lip balm for Lower School girls.

Jewelry
- Earrings are the only acceptable form of body piercing. Rings and posts are permitted only through the ears.
- Jewelry may not be noisy or distracting, which often eliminates dangling earrings.
- Excessive jewelry should be avoided (i.e., more than three items of the same category is considered excessive).
- Bracelets are permitted as long as there are no more than three items.

Tattoos
- Visible tattoos are not permitted at school or while participating in extracurricular events.

Face Masks
- Face masks and face shields should follow guidelines of the Currey Ingram dress code and should not promote other K-12 schools, political causes, alcohol, drugs or symbols considered offensive to other students and families. Currey Ingram reserves the right to ask an individual to change their face covering should it be deemed inappropriate.

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