Guidelines for Upper School Students

Clothing expresses attitude and personality and also reflects and influences behavior; consequently, clothing matters. 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 are required to follow the uniform guidelines during the school day Monday through Friday with special requirements on Mondays and Special Event days.* Students who earn a dress code pass, will have a dress down day on Friday of said week. If they so choose, students may wear the Monday Dress Uniform on any day, but will only be required to wear it on Monday or special event days.

- All clothing must be of appropriate size, worn modestly, and in good repair.
- 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 his/her face covering should it be deemed inappropriate.
- Shirts: Approved vendor (see Where to Find Uniform Items). Shirts are not to 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 (i.e., sweater vest). Undershirts worn under uniform shirts must not be visible beneath the uniform shirt. Undershirts must be free of logos, messages and graphic
- Belt: Any vendor: Brown or black leather belt that is either solid or braided to be worn with pants and shorts.
- Socks: Any vendor and style as long as they are not a distraction
- Shoes: Any vendor: Athletic style shoes or other shoes that are closed-toe (no zippers or shoes that pose a distraction to learning).
- Hair: must be clean and neat and not extreme in color or style. Hair accessories may not be extreme in style and should coordinate with the uniform colors. Facial hair should be neatly trimmed.
- Jewelry: Earrings are the only acceptable form of body piercing. Rings, posts, and plugs are permitted only through the ears. Jewelry may not be noisy or distracting.
- Gear issued from extra-curricular activities may be allowed with permission from US Leadership (i.e., basketball warm ups).
● Any clothing (including masks or face shields) that has the name/logo for another school is **not** permitted.
● Hats are **not** permitted inside school buildings.
● Currey Ingram athletic uniforms are **not** permitted as approved dress code attire (i.e., uniforms). Exceptions may be made by leadership in order to promote special events.
● Throughout the school year, Upper School students are encouraged to participate in College Day, Spirit Week, Henderson House Days and other events that will differ from standard dress code. Specific dress guidelines will be communicated to students and families prior to each event.

*If a student has special circumstances (e.g., sensory, sizing, allergies) and cannot wear the uniform material from Mills, please contact the Upper School Dean of Students.

**Approved Clothing for Students Who Identify as Female**

**Tops:** Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo; short- or long-sleeved female fit gray, yellow, or dark navy cotton/poly pique polo; short- or long-sleeved female oxford blouse with button down collar and front pocket; Short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo.

● Female students must have long- or short-sleeved oxford cloth shirt tucked in. Female students may wear pique knit shirts, poly-wick polo, or jersey knit shirts over skirts and pants.
● Female students may wear their shirts with only the top most button open.

**Bottoms:** Female stretch-twill khaki skinny pants or twill khaki shorts; plaid box-pleat (regular) skirt (Skirt hem bottom should be no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee. Undergarments should not be exposed when a student bends over. The three-inch side of a standard 3” x 5” index card will serve as measurement); solid navy or solid hunter green tights or leggings that are either cable knit or opaque (from any vendor) may be worn under the skirt.

**Approved Clothing for Students Who Identify as Male**

**Tops:** Short- or long-sleeved unisex gray, dark navy, or hunter green cotton/poly pique polo; short sleeve, poly-wicking navy polo. Shirts must be tucked in.

● Male students may wear the top most button undone on the white oxford short- or long-sleeved shirts on dress up days as long as it is not visible under the tie. Male students may wear the top most button open on Casual Uniform Dress Code days.
● If a shirt has collar buttons, they must be buttoned.

**Bottoms:** Mills khaki pants or shorts with twill flat-front.
Mondays and Special Event Days
All US students are required to wear the white long- or short-sleeved oxford cloth shirt with button down collar and front pocket. Additionally, beginning Monday, October 26, 2020, the navy quarter-zip mock collar sweater with school monogram is required to be worn over the oxford shirt.

Female Students
Bottom: Plaid box-pleat skirt or the female stretch-twill khaki skinny pants
Tie/Bowtie (Optional): Students may select any tie/bowtie, as long as it is in good taste.

Male Students
Bottom: Khaki pants (no shorts) - twill flat-front
Tie/Bowtie: Students may select any tie/bowtie, as long as it is in good taste.

Dress Down Fridays
Fridays will be a Dress Down day for students who have earned it. Students earn this pass by being in dress code all week and having no infractions for said week. There is no fee for this earned dress code pass.

- Bottoms: Jeans, khaki pants, jean shorts, khaki shorts are permitted. Athletic pants, pajama pants, athletic shorts are not permitted. Shorts must be no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee. The 3” side of a standard 3”x 5” index card will serve as a consistent means of measurement. Female students are permitted to wear solid color leggings in place of pants only if a shirt/sweater is worn that hangs below the swimsuit bottom area.
- Tops: T-shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeve t-shirts, hoodies are permitted. Tank tops are not permitted. Female students are permitted to wear dresses. Dresses must be no shorter than three inches from the top of the knee. The 3” side of a standard 3”x 5” index card will serve as a consistent means of measurement. Strapless dresses are not permitted.
- Clothing that promotes a political cause, alcohol, or drug product is not permitted.
- Clothing that exposes the midriff or undergarments is not permitted.
- Shoes must adhere to the dress code.

Currey Ingram Outerwear
US students are permitted to wear school-issued outerwear purchased in the Currey Ingram Spirit Store or from the approved vendor inside the buildings throughout the day. Non-Currey Ingram outerwear may be worn in the transition from the US to other buildings as weather or a student's needs require (i.e., rain jackets, winter coats). However, non-Currey Ingram outerwear should not be worn inside the Upper School building. Blankets are not considered outerwear and are not permitted.

Casual Dress within the Residence Hall and During Residential Life Events/Activities
Casual Dress may be worn at meals, on weekends, and during evening free time for students that live on campus, as well as students who may be joining residential life events/activities. Students should always dress respectfully and remain respectful of the sensitivities of others. Clothing should not be too revealing in any way.
Students are not permitted to wear:
- Clothing that is too short, too tight, too low cut, or exposing midriff;
- Pants that are short enough or low enough that undergarments are exposed;
- Clothing that advertises, promotes or displays alcohol, drugs, sex, or tobacco;
- Clothing that represents other secondary schools in the greater Nashville area; or
- Clothing deemed inappropriate by residential hall staff.

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

**Mills Uniform Company:** The 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 millswear.com with school code 3812.

**The Currey Ingram Spirit Shop:** Please check the website or your Division Office for hours of operation. Used uniforms are available for purchase as well as new outerwear items. Contact Christine McGill with any questions at (615) 507-3180, ext. 461.