The Portledge Pillars of Kindness, Purpose, Respect and Honor provide the framework for student conduct expectations. As such, students are expected to dress each day in clothing that respects and supports the purposeful work of a serious academic community. Clothing should be neat, clean and in good repair. It is important to note that acceptable attire outside of school can differ from what is deemed appropriate for the school environment.

**Grades 6-12 Dress Code**

**Students may wear:**
- Collared dress shirts, blouses, tunics, sweaters, sweater vests and ¼ zipper pullovers or fleeces.
- For students who identify as male, a belt and tie are required.
- Dress pants or casual pants, defined as pants that are fastened by a button or clasp and/or that have functional pockets.
- Skirts or dresses of an appropriate length and fit.
- Neat, clean, and appropriate footwear in good repair must be worn.

**Students may not wear:**
- Flip flops intended for the beach or pool.
- Denim (jeans, shorts, skirts or shorts) of any color.
- Cargo or jogger style pants, skin tight and other similarly relaxed pants.
- Clothes that reveal or mimic under-garments (including spaghetti straps), clothes that expose the stomach, chest, or back (for example: strapless, low-cut, or sheer tops), that are skin tight or ripped in any location, or that contain a camouflage pattern or suggestive or inappropriate topics (such as drugs and alcohol).
- Athletic attire including sweatpants, mesh shorts or yoga pants designed for use in a gym setting or in athletic or recreational activity or competition.
- Pajamas or other loungewear-style attire.
- Hats, visors, or any type of headgear, unless given permission by the Dean of Students for religious purposes.
- Sweatshirts, hooded or crew neck.
- Leggings (Leggings are not permitted, even under tunics, skirts or dresses.)
- Excessive or distracting jewelry.
- Facial hair, unless given permission by the Dean of Students for religious reasons.

The school reserves the right to use judgement in individual cases based on the needs of the student or special circumstances.

**In September, October, May and June the following are also considered to be in Dress Code:**
- Ties are not required.
- Bermuda-length shorts are permitted.
- Polo shirts tucked in with a belt.

**In December, January, February and March the following are also considered to be in Dress Code:**
- Snow or other weather specific boots are permitted.

**Monthly Dress Down:**
- Occasionally the school allows for dress-down days. The dress code is relaxed on dress-down days to permit Portledge athletic gear and other more casual attire. Clothing, however, must be in good repair as well as reflect a positive regard for the school therefore no hats or otherwise inappropriate clothing is permitted. In the Middle School, if leggings are worn they must be worn under long shirts or skirts.