



**Niles Preparatory Academy**  
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 Melanie Jarman - Principal

## Student Dress Code & Appearance Policy

At Niles Preparatory Academy, we believe that a neat appearance helps students develop confidence, self-respect, and pride in their school. Our dress code also helps create a safe and focused learning environment by reducing distractions and promoting school unity.

By enrolling at Niles Preparatory Academy, students and families agree to follow the school's dress code requirements each day.

### General Expectations

Students should arrive at school:

- Wearing the approved school uniform
- Clean and neatly groomed
- Dressed in clothing that fits appropriately
- Ready to learn and participate in all school activities

Parents/guardians may be contacted if a student arrives out of dress code or with grooming that does not meet school expectations.

### Approved Uniform Clothing

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| <p><b><u>Bottoms</u></b> (Solid Khaki or Black)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pants</li> <li>• Shorts</li> <li>• Jumpers</li> <li>• Skorts</li> <li>• Skirts</li> </ul> <p>*Length requirement: shorts, skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee</p> <p>**From November - March students may wear long pants or leggings under skirts or skorts for warmth</p> | <p><b><u>Tops</u></b> (Solid dark green, black, white, gray, orange)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polo shirt</li> <li>• Collared button-down shirt</li> <li>• Turtlenecks</li> <li>• Cardigans, sweaters, vests, crewneck sweatshirts</li> <li>• Niles Preparatory Academy logo apparel</li> </ul> <p>*From November - March students are recommended to layer with crewneck sweatshirts or sweaters for warmth</p> |
| <p><b><u>Shoes</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black/Brown dress shoes</li> <li>• Tennis shoes/Sneakers</li> <li>• Rain/Winter boots (weather permitting)</li> </ul> <p>*Students who wear boots must change into school approved shoes upon arrival</p>                                                                                                                                    | <p><b><u>Accessories/Appearance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belts are optional</li> <li>• Earrings may be worn but must not exceed one inch in length</li> <li>• Hair color (including highlights) must be a naturally occurring hair color</li> <li>• Hairstyles should not create a distraction or disruption to learning</li> </ul>                                                                     |



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### Items Not Permitted

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| <b><u>Bottoms</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sweatpants</li><li>• Pajama Pants</li><li>• Jeans</li><li>• Leggings worn as pants</li><li>• Pants that are torn, tattered, oversized, or excessively loose</li></ul> | <b><u>Tops</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shirts/Sweatshirts with hoods/hoodies</li><li>• T-shirts</li><li>• Shirts with logos, designs, graphics</li><li>• Shirts with holes, torn, tattered, or excessively loose</li><li>• Outerwear worn in classroom</li></ul> |
| <b><u>Shoes</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flip-flops</li><li>• Sandals</li><li>• Slides</li><li>• Crocs</li><li>• Open-toed shoes</li><li>• Shoes with heels higher than one inch</li></ul>                       | <b><u>Accessories/Appearance</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hats</li><li>• Studded belts</li><li>• Chains</li><li>• Facial jewelry</li><li>• Decorative or non-prescription eyewear</li><li>• Makeup</li><li>• Artificial nails</li><li>• Fake tattoos</li></ul>    |

### Physical Education (Gym) Dress Code

All students must wear tennis shoes on scheduled Physical Education days.

### Dress Code Compliance

The school administration is responsible for enforcing the dress code. The Principal will make the final determination regarding any clothing, hairstyle, or appearance that may be considered disruptive to the educational environment or pose a safety concern.

Failure to follow the dress code may result in parent contact and disciplinary action in accordance with school policies. The dress code is not an option for the student or parent.

Thank you for partnering with us to maintain a positive, safe, and successful learning environment for all students.

The full Dress Code Policy can be found at [www.NilesPrepAcademy.org](http://www.NilesPrepAcademy.org) in the Niles Preparatory Academy Parent/Student Handbook.