



## Dress Code

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Related Documents: Dress Code Friendly Reminder

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One of our core values at Kona Pacific is the preservation of a healthy childhood for each child. The school Dress Code is established to promote this value. In addition, safety, instructional environment, student learning, and public relations are all impacted by how students present themselves, including manner of dress. Students are expected to understand and appreciate that the benefit of complying with a dress standard is a common, real-world expectation. Practicing such standards displays understanding that most schools, employers and professions require presentable appearances.

One important way that families can support these values is to keep them in your consciousness as you and your child are making wardrobe selections.

### **School Uniform**

All students at Kona Pacific are required to wear a Kona Pacific Public Charter School t-shirt to school each day. School t-shirts can be purchased at the school office or ordered through the school website. Because accessibility is one of our core values, please inform us if the purchase of the shirts poses a financial hardship.

School uniforms may not be modified (cut, multi-color dying, decorated, etc.). Consistent with our values regarding sustainability and accessibility, shirts may be dyed to match our current uniform colors.

### **Other Clothing**

Dress must be conducive to the active work and activities of school, which include gardening, outdoor play, nature hikes, running, circus arts and games.

Dresses, skirts and shorts must fit appropriately. Dresses, skirts and shorts must conceal undergarments, and must completely cover buttocks even when the body changes positions. However, this is a guideline and staff reserves the right to make a final determination.

Dresses and short sleeves may only be worn under school t-shirts.

### **Footwear**

Students must wear shoes at all times when outside of the classroom. Students must wear closed-toed, flat shoes, as our day at Kona Pacific is very active.

### **Media Images**

At school, all clothing, hats, backpacks, lunch boxes/baskets and any other accessories must be free of media advertisements, references to drugs, alcohol, racism, sexism and or violence, slogans, cartoons, and caricatures.

**Jewelry, Earrings & Make-Up**

Lipstick, make-up, tattoos (permanent and temporary) and body piercing (other than ear piercing) are not permitted, except that grades 7 and 8 may wear light make-up. Exemptions may be granted for cultural reasons.

Stud and small hoop earrings are allowed in all grades. Grades 7 and 8 may wear other types of earrings. Any other jewelry worn must be safe and appropriate to wear during our active school program.

Decisions regarding the appropriateness of clothing and accessories are at the discretion of the school Faculty and Administration. If your child's dress does not comply with the dress code, the school will give you a courtesy call so that you may bring replacement clothes, or the school may loan the student appropriate attire to wear for the day. If persistent violations of the dress code occur, the Faculty and/or the Administrator may take further action, including meeting with the parent(s) to discuss and review the school Dress Code.

We thank you for your support in creating a safe, wholesome, and age-appropriate educational setting for our children.

**Enforcement**

All employees are responsible for enforcing the Dress Code. Following are the steps that will be taken to enforce the school Dress Code:

- (1) The parent/guardian will receive a gentle reminder identifying the dress code violation;
- (2) If the student's dress continues to be in violation of the Dress Code, the class teacher or other school personnel will contact the parent/guardian to discuss the matter;
- (3) If the student's dress continues to be in violation of the Dress Code, the student will be excluded from school until the student's dress complies with the Dress Code.