

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

### DRESS CODE

The Odyssey dress code has been established to support and encourage a standard of respect for all scholars and results in a higher standard of behavior. The dress code guidelines indicate appropriate school dress for normal school days. Odyssey Charter School administration reserves the right to interpret these guidelines and/or make changes during the academic school year.

**School uniforms shall be worn by every scholar in attendance, every day.**

If scholars are in violation of the dress code, they will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. If failed to correct, they may be asked to call home for appropriate clothing and/or may receive disciplinary consequences as determined by the administrative staff.

#### Section 1: Uniform Attire

**Shirts:** Uniform polo shirts are Black, White, and Gold and must be purchased from J&R Clothing. Scholars may wear both short and long sleeved approved logo shirts. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. **These are the only uniform shirts permitted to be worn in school.** Shirts from other vendors than J&R Clothing are considered “Out of Uniform”.

**Jackets:** Jackets worn **inside** the school building must have the school logo. These can be purchased at J&R Clothing. **No hooded sweat shirts or hooded apparel are to be worn in the classroom at any time.**

**J&R Clothing 1307 Hwy. 85 N. Fayetteville, GA 30214 Phone: 770-461-3440**

**Slacks/Shorts:** Uniform pants, skirts, shorts, or skorts must be Khaki or Black and can be obtained from the vendor of your choice. All pants in grades 4-8 must have a black/brown belt. Plain white or black tights may be worn under skirts or skorts. Baggy pants, cargo pants, and **colored jeans will not** be permitted. Shorts must be finger tipped length or long. All pants to be worn at the waist, **no Sagging.**

**Socks/Shoes:** Low cut black or white tennis shoes are worn with the uniform along with clean socks. High top and mid top tennis shoes will **not** be an accepted part of the uniform. Appropriate socks must be worn with the uniform, and may **not** be a distraction.

**Hair:** Hair must be neat and clean without “unnatural” hair colors, (i.e. pink, purple, blue, green etc). Girls may wear headbands or bows to match their uniform. Colored feathers or unnatural hair

extensions are *not* allowed. Hair designs are *not* permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, shapes, sports logos or Mohawks. Girls can wear head bands or bows that match their uniform.

**In General:** Boys and girls may *not* wear body piercing other than earrings or studs in their earlobes.  
No chains on wallets or chain belts are allowed at any time.  
No wheeled back packs or tow behind cases are allowed in the halls or classes.

This dress code represents the minimum standard for attire. Additional clothing items such as blazers with logo, sweaters with logo, and fleece jackets with logo and oxford shirts with logo can be added to the scholar's attire, but must be purchased from J&R clothing.

- Community Attire - All scholars must have a minimum of 1 black polo shirt with the Odyssey Charter School logo and 1 pair of khaki uniform pants. These items must be of good quality for scholars to appropriately represent Odyssey Charter School in the community.

## **Section 2. NON-UNIFORM ATTIRE FOR SCHOOL SANCTIONED FUNCTIONS**

Odyssey Charter School uniforms may not be required for all Odyssey Charter School functions i.e. athletic events, parties, and/or social gatherings. Scholars should wear clothing that is clean and suitable for school activities. Keeping in mind weather conditions, location and type of event adhering to the following:

- If a scholar chooses to wear shorts or a skirt, the shorts or skirt must be of appropriate length. The appropriate measurement will be determined when the scholar is standing erect, hands by his/her side, fingertips not extending below the hem of the clothing, maintaining modesty at all times. Biker shorts, spandex apparel, excessively form fitting shirts, shorts, pants, or skirts are not allowed.
- All shirts, blouses, and dresses must have sleeves. Shirts and blouses must not be excessively long and should not be a safety concern or a disruption. If a shirt is too long, it must be tucked. Clothing should not expose areas of stomach, side, or back. Oversized clothing is not allowed.
- Pants must be appropriately sized for width and hemmed to a safe length. Underwear should not be visible. Pant size should not hinder ability to move about easily and safely. Pants must be fastened securely at the waist. Pants may not have holes or the appearance of holes above the knees. Overalls or coveralls must be worn properly.
- No items of clothing are allowed that may be affiliated with gang activity, as defined by administration and law enforcement.
- No "hardware chains" may be worn as belts, wallet chains, or jewelry. No chains of this type are allowed on school campus or at any school function. No hats, bandanas, or headbands may be worn or displayed during the instructional day. Girls can wear head bands or bows that match their uniform.

- No items may be worn with inappropriate pictures, symbols, or lettering. This includes but is not limited to depictions of alcohol, drugs, or weapons. Statements that might be deemed offensive to others are prohibited. No writing is allowed on the seat of pants or skirts.
- Pajamas and/or house shoes or slippers may not be worn to school unless previously approved by administration or a teacher for a sanctioned school event.
- Shoes with wheels may not be worn to school. Other shoes that may present a safety hazard should not be worn. No shoes with flashing lights.
- All dance attire must be modest. Excessively low cut dresses or dresses with no back are unacceptable. If a scholar is in doubt about the item of clothing, he/she should discuss it with the Administration before wearing the item. Formal dance and formal social activities will have their own dress code as appropriate for the occasion

### **Section 3. IMMEDIATE DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

- Halter-tops, tank tops, fishnet tops and midriff blouses.
- Excessively large or baggy clothing.
- Tops and dresses with spaghetti straps.
- Muscle shirts.
- Shirts that advertise alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
- Short shorts and skirts (Your index finger should touch the hem of the shorts).
- Shorts covered by a full-length shirt.
- Bicycle pants or shorts.
- Yoga pants or shorts
- Clothing with open holes above the knee.
- Clothing that is suggestive, advocates disobedience to society or causes a possible disruption to the school.
- Clothing or attire with statements or symbols which might be deemed offensive to others, violent or of a threatening nature.
- Hoodies worn in the building are an immediate dress code violation
- Jackets with hoods worn in the building
- Shoes with cleats and/or wheels (Heelys) or flashing lights. Gliders, flip-flops, house slippers, house shoes
- Hardware chains.
- Caps, hats, visors, any other headgear, and sunglasses.
- Pants not worn at the waist, **No Sagging**

**School Uniforms are required for all grade levels, every day.**

**Violations are determined at the discretion of the administration. If scholars are in violation of the dress code, they will be given the opportunity to correct the violation. If they fail to correct the violation, they may be asked to call home for appropriate clothing and/or may receive disciplinary consequences as determined by the administrative staff.**

## **Face Covering**

Face Covers are required as a part of the uniform for every grade level.

COVID-19 [spreads](#) mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice (e.g., while shouting, chanting, or singing). These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lung (1).

If you are to encounter other people you should wear a face covering (2).

School Policy: Any one entering the school or a common area in the school shall wear a face covering to protect the scholars and staff. Once in a designated safe area the face covering can be removed.

Face Covering Requirement and Restrictions: The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the use of a surgical mask; however a face covering can be substituted for public use to reduce exposure. This face cover MUST reduce the transfer of respiratory droplets small enough to float on the air.

### **Face Coverings Can:**

Be decorative and colorful

Homemade and designed by scholar or family.

Face covering of clear plastic, or device to restrict flow of air from one individual to another.

Bandana style or pull up style face cover are generally acceptable.

### **Face Covers Can NOT:**

Show any teeth for any reason. No Design which includes teeth will be allowed.

No Flags of any country, state or organization. No design which includes the use of a flag will be allowed.

No religious message or political statements in text or graphics.

No Clowns, No Werewolves, No Zombies,

Nothing rude, crude or socially unacceptable.

The school's principal will have authority to remove any face covering they feel inappropriate. The principal will be the deciding authority in all cases.

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
2. <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-face-masks-what-you-need-to-know>