



Berkeley Rose Waldorf School

General Dress Guidelines

The faculty asks that clothing be simple in design and of colors in the natural world. Patterns such as stripes, plaid, floral, or solid colors are preferred. Additionally, clothing worn by Early Childhood children should not have letters, words, numerals, advertising, logos or media images. Simple, appropriate pictures or embellishments are acceptable within reason for Grades children, as well as small logos that are easily covered with a finger. It is recommended to avoid ornamentation of any sort that detracts from seeing the child before the clothing. Clothing should be easy to run and squat in; sized to fit; appropriate for the weather and the classroom; and in good repair. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be approximately knee-length, or worn with leggings underneath. Shirts must assure coverage of the shoulders, and full coverage of the torso when the arms are fully raised above the head. No undergarments should be showing at any time.

We ask that children are dressed appropriately for the weather with consideration for their warmth, arriving to school in warm layers that may be removed as the temperature rises. Children in grades 6 through 8 will be permitted to decide for themselves whether or not to wear a jacket at outdoor recess, unless the weather is considered extreme. Some spare community items are available if students come to school in clothing that is not appropriate for the weather or does not follow the clothing guidelines. Community clothing must be returned to the school upon dismissal. Younger students will be instructed to put on a coat, hat, and/or boots by a teacher before going outside.

Children must wear closed-heel and closed-toe shoes at all times. Early Childhood children should bring soft-soled, indoor shoes. Grades children should have sturdy athletic shoes on, or available to them. All footwear should be free of lights and media images. Jewelry, temporary tattoos, hair color/bling, and nail polish must be removed prior to coming to school. Secure earring studs are acceptable. Hair should be clear of the the child's eyes and pulled back from the face for ease in range of sight. Hair, clothing and any accessories should not distract or detract from the learning process.



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Clothing & Accessories Needed at School

The following is a list of articles of clothing we would like each child to maintain in their cubby. Wet or dirty clothing will be sent home at the end of the day. Please remember to replace anything brought home.

For the early childhood program, the following items should be clearly labeled with your child's name:

Nursery Programs:

- Plain, comfy-inside, no-slip, non-marking slippers with closed toes and closed heels
- Two pairs of socks
- Two pairs of underwear
- Shirts (2 each short/long sleeve)
- Pants (2-3 pairs)
- Wool (or similar-quality, like Polartec) sweater
- Hats (winter and sun)
- Rain wear: rubber boots, rain pants, raincoat with a hood or a rain hat. Patterns and images are okay on rain gear, but please avoid gear with logos / symbols.

Kindergarten Program:

- Indoor shoes or slippers
- Two pairs of socks
- Two pairs of underwear
- Shirts (1 short/long sleeve)
- Pants (2-3 pairs)
- Wool (or similar-quality, like Polartec) sweater
- Hats (winter and sun)
- Mittens
- Rain wear: rubber boots, rain pants, raincoat with a hood or a rain hat. Patterns and images are okay on rain gear, but please avoid gear with logos / symbols.

For the Grades Program, the following items should be clearly labeled with your child's name:

- Wool (or similar-quality, like Polartec) sweater
- Hats (winter and sun)
- Mittens
- Rain wear: rubber boots, rain pants, raincoat with a hood or a rain hat. Patterns and images are okay on rain gear, but please avoid gear with logos / symbols.
- A water bottle with a firm closure – Sigg, Nalgene and Klean Kanteen bottles are good examples. These bottles should have tops that open easily and close tightly to avoid leakage and allow for easy access.
- An extra change of clothing in a plastic bag that will be stored in the school bag. Extra articles of clothing should include underpants, socks, tee shirts, pants, long-sleeved shirts, hats, and barrettes or hair ties.