

## Dress Code and Appearance

Cushing expects that all students will dress in a way that respects the atmosphere of learning and sets a proper tone for the primary purpose of school. While the importance of personal style and all it represents should be honored, living and working within a learning community requires that all community members balance personal expression and comfort with respect for the learning environment and for other members of the community.

### **As a school, the Academy expects that:**

- Clothing should promote a positive, focused learning environment.
- Clothing should promote a safe, inclusive community.
- Clothing should align with all other standards and rules of the Academy
- Clothing should permit students to participate fully in all school activities.

### **Specific Dress Code Standards:**

- Clothing may not include language or images that depict drugs, alcohol, violence, illegal activity, profanity, or knowingly demean or defame any person or group.
- Pajamas and bathing suits are not permitted school day attire.
- Underwear should not be visible except for straps.
- Shoes must be worn at all times and certain activities may have safety requirements (ie, long pants or closed-toe shoes) and will be communicated by the activity leader.
- Hats, hoods, and earbuds may not be worn in classroom buildings, the chapel or the dining hall during the school day (8:30 a.m. -3:15 p.m. M/T/R/F, 8:30 a.m.- Noon W)

### **Special Event Dress**

Special event dress will be announced for special dinners and other gatherings. This is to signal to students that they are expected to choose attire that shows respect for these events.

### **Dress Code Enforcement and Modifications**

The Dress Code will be consistently enforced through conversation and intervention, as well as the use of the Cushing Cares reporting mechanism. The Dress Code is meant to encourage students to consider how and why they choose to dress as they do. Disagreements over whether one's attire is in keeping with the dress code will be settled by the Office of Student Affairs (or a designee). Modifications to the dress code during the school year can be brought forth by the Student Government.