

Japhet School Requirements for Outdoor Wear

Students' interaction, enjoyment, and exploration of the outdoors is imperative to their growth and development: physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually. Learning isn't confined to indoor classrooms. Due to the importance of experiencing the outdoors and fresh air, teachers and staff will seek opportunities to engage students daily in learning outdoors throughout all seasons. In order for students to benefit fully from outdoor learning and activities, **appropriate outdoor clothing is necessary EVERY DAY.** All students are expected to wear and/or have at school:

Classroom	To stay at school (goes home if soiled)	For Phys. Ed.	For mild temperatures (approx. 50+)	For cold temperatures (approx. 49-):
Preschool	Full extra change of clothes: shirt, bottoms, underwear, socks (extra underwear and extra socks recommended) Small blanket for rest time in Ziploc Warm layer (fleece or sweater) recommended	Wear shoes for running and playing every day!	Rainboots or hiking boots, so that shoes used indoors stay clean Weather-appropriate jacket, lightweight hat and WATERPROOF mittens	Warm and waterproof winter boots Snowpants Winter coat Thick hat WATERPROOF mittens (no gloves)
JK/Kindergarten	Full extra change of clothes: shirt, bottoms, underwear, socks (extra underwear and extra socks recommended) Warm layer (fleece or sweater) recommended	Wear shoes for running and playing every day!	Rainboots or hiking boots, so that shoes used indoors stay clean Weather-appropriate jacket, lightweight hat and WATERPROOF mittens	Warm and waterproof winter boots Snowpants Winter coat Thick hat WATERPROOF mittens (no gloves)
Lower Elementary	Full extra change of clothes: shirt, bottoms, underwear, socks (extra socks recommended) Warm layer (fleece or sweater) recommended	Tennis shoes are required on Phys. Ed. days: Tu-W-Th.	Rainboots or hiking boots, so that shoes used indoors stay clean Weather-appropriate jacket, lightweight hat and WATERPROOF gloves or mittens	Warm and waterproof winter boots Snowpants Winter coat Thick hat WATERPROOF gloves or mittens
Upper Elementary	Full extra change of clothes: shirt, bottoms, underwear, socks (extra socks recommended) Warm layer (fleece or sweater) recommended	Tennis shoes are required on Phys. Ed. days: M-W-F.	Rainboots or hiking boots, so that shoes used indoors stay clean Weather-appropriate jacket, lightweight hat and WATERPROOF gloves or mittens	Warm and waterproof winter boots Snowpants Winter coat Thick hat WATERPROOF gloves or mittens
Middle School	Clothes for Physical Education to be kept in locker Warm layer (fleece or sweater) and extra socks recommended	In addition to separate Phys. Ed. clothes, tennis shoes are required on Phys. Ed. days: Tu-Th-F.	Rainboots or hiking boots, so that shoes used indoors stay clean Weather-appropriate jacket, lightweight hat and WATERPROOF gloves or mittens	Warm and waterproof winter boots Snowpants Winter coat Thick hat WATERPROOF gloves or mittens

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Dress daily in layers.
- Gear will go home regularly – in some cases, weekly -- for washing and sanitizing.
- To keep our classroom floors and hallways safe, students may not wear their outdoor winter and rain boots as shoes during the day. Boots and snowpants are required to play in the snow.
- Japhet School students usually play outdoors unless the temperature is below 18° F factoring in the wind chill. Recess is 30 minutes long, and some students have it at least twice each day.
- **Japhet School staff determine the appropriate gear for outdoor play and learning on a day-to-day basis. Temperatures fluctuate! Students are expected to have all gear at school, so that they are always ready!**