



Individual Student School Supplies

Each summer the teachers carefully order all the pencils, beeswax crayons, painting supplies, and main lesson books for school. However, there are some items we ask all children to bring with them on the first day of school. Please keep the following in mind while you are doing your back-to-school shopping!

Healthy Snack and Lunch – pack sustaining foods that do not require refrigeration or heating. No soda or candy, please!

These items will be left at school for the year and can be exchanged as needed:

Mug or Water Bottle – the mug may stay at school and will be washed regularly. Any water bottles will go home each day for cleaning.

School Clothes – When purchasing clothing for school, please keep in mind Oxbow Schoolhouse's dress code, **copied on the reverse of this page**. We ask that clothing be neat, clean, and in good repair (no holes) as well as free of any distracting images such as large logos or graphic pictures.

Indoor Shoes – These help keep our classrooms clean! Look for comfortable, non-slip soles, firm attachment to the foot, and ease of putting on and taking off. We found that slip on Ked type sneakers or some simple and flexible shoes like Mary Janes work best. No flip flops, slippers and anything with heels, please.

Complete Extra Set of Clothing, including shirt, pants, underwear and socks
Regardless of your child's age – we are often outside in all types of weather and the hands-on nature of our curriculum means that your child might welcome a change of clothes after a particularly messy activity!

Warm, Comfortable Sweater or Sweatshirt - ideally, left at school for chilly days indoors or out

Light Gloves or Mittens and a Hat
Baseball Cap or Sun Hat

Additionally, be prepared to send in the following items as needed during the year:

Rain Boots
Rain Pants
Raincoat (preferably with a hood!)
Warm Winter Coat
Snow Pants, Bibs or Suit
Winter Boots
Winter Hat and Mittens or Gloves

Layers are best – they can be added and removed as needed to stay comfortable indoors and out!

Student Dress Code

At Oxbow Schoolhouse, we take great care to ensure that our school's environment is conducive to learning. Every day our lessons include active movement, such as running, jumping, and dancing. Distracting clothing or clothing that restricts movement or doesn't offer good support for the foot and ankle detracts from lessons and could lead to injury. We encourage and appreciate ongoing parental support. Please be conscious of what your child is wearing each day at school.

Refer to these guidelines when helping your child get ready for school. Any questions regarding the clothing policy can be addressed to your child's teacher or the Faculty Chair. These guidelines apply to all school functions including field trips and class trips.

General Guidelines for Students

- Clothing should be comfortable and neatly mended without holes, tears or stains.
- Clothing should fit well. It should not be too large or too small, including too short or tight.
- Shoulder straps must be at least 2 fingers in width (spaghetti straps may be layered with tank tops under dresses or shirts over camisoles). No strapless clothing or spaghetti straps.
- Shorts and skirts must come approximately to mid-thigh length (the end of one's longest finger when arms are at one's sides)
- Jewelry should be tasteful and not distracting
- Watches with dial faces rather than digital watches are recommended. No beeping watches.
- No make-up or extreme hair coloring or styles.

Acceptable patterns, colors and designs:

- Solid colors and/or overall patterns, i.e. stripes, plaid, floral, paisley or polka dot.
- Any label or small logo should be small enough to be covered by two of the child's fingers
- Oxbow Schoolhouse logo wear

Unacceptable patterns and designs:

- Images, including advertising, sports logos, words, numbers, cartoon drawings, pictures

Indoor Shoes

Please provide your child with a pair of "indoor" shoes. These help keep our classrooms clean! Look for comfortable non-slip soles, firm attachment to the foot, and ease of putting on and taking off. We found that slip-on Merrell type sneakers or some simple and flexible shoes like Mary Janes work best. No boots, flip flops, slippers, sandals or anything with heels, please.

Outdoor Shoes

Outdoor shoes (including Games Class on Mondays and Friday) must have non-slip soles, lace-up or velcro and be sturdy enough for vigorous outside play. Sneakers or Merrell-style shoes are ideal. Laces must be tied. Boots, shoes with heels, flip-flops, clogs and Crocs are not suitable.

Outdoor Clothing

As the children go outside every day, please send appropriate gear i.e. raincoat, rain pants hood, hat, lined boots, warm coat, waterproof snow pants or snowsuits, mittens or gloves and leg coverings. Shorts are not acceptable in winter.

Concert Dress

Concert dress is black and white. Black pants or skirt and black shoes with black socks and/or stockings paired with a white shirt. All clothes should be clean and pressed. Parents are asked to support our efforts to create a special event for the whole school. The school will provide a white collared shirt, which may remain at school. Please provide black pants or skirts, and black shoes. No shorts, leggings, yoga or athletic pants, please.

Dressing for Special Events

Throughout the school year, there are special occasions which don't require concert dress but do call for festive wear, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and our May Day Celebration. For these types of events, students are asked to come dressed up for a special event or celebration. For girls, a skirt, dress or pants and top that is in keeping with our dress code above. For boys, pants and shirt that are neat and clean, in keeping with our dress code above. No shorts, please.