

SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

God created all equally.

A school uniform silently teaches the lesson of equality while allowing individuality to shine through via actions, words, and personality. Clothing worn at school must be neat and in good repair with no holes, tears or ragged edges. Hairstyles for both boys and girls must be reasonable and in keeping with the standards of neat appearance. Hair must be combed neatly and kept clean. Hair length for boys will not extend over a uniform or dress shirt collar, cover the ears, or over the eyebrows. Outlandish or faddish hair styles or embellishments such as feathers or beads or varied lengths and colors will not be permitted. Hair color must be a natural hair color. Young men must be clean-shaven at all times and sideburns should be no longer than the middle of the ear.

UPPER CAMPUS:

We require the guidelines below throughout the school year. It is the responsibility of the parents to see that their children are in uniform according to the school's requirements. Girls' skirt lengths must be in compliance. Only the principal can excuse a student from the required uniform.

Regular Uniform:

Emblems of any nature, except those of NDCS, are not permitted on clothing. Parents may purchase dress code items through other vendors of school uniforms if available.

Upper Campus Boys Uniform Options include:

- *Pants:* Navy or khaki pants
- *Shorts:* Navy or khaki shorts
- *Shirts:* White, navy or heather grey polo (no logos); White or light blue Oxford-style button down shirt (long or short sleeved, no logos); NDCS approved polos may be worn on Fridays
- *Ties:* A solid colored or simple patterned tie or bow tie may be worn with the Oxford style button down

- *Outerwear:* Navy cardigan or pullover sweater, without a hood; solid navy sweater vest (may be worn at Mass); NDCS Spirit Wear (ordered from the school office; may not be worn at Mass)
- A navy colored blazer is an acceptable option for Juniors and Seniors. The Navy Blazer must be a two-button classic or slim-fit style of blazer that is either wool or wool blend with no patches.

Upper Campus Girls Uniform Options include:

- *Bottoms:* Navy or khaki pants; Navy or khaki skirt or skort; Uniform Plaid skirt (no shorter than 3 inches above the crease in the back of the knee)
- *Tops:* Uniform white $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve blouse (does not have to be tucked in); White, navy, or heather grey polo (no logos); White or light blue Oxford-style button down shirt (long or short sleeved, no logos)
- *Outerwear:* Navy cardigan or pullover sweater, without a hood; solid navy sweater vest (may be worn at Mass); NDCS Spirit Wear (ordered from the school office; may not be worn at Mass)
- A navy colored blazer is an acceptable option for Juniors and Seniors. The Navy Blazer must be a two-button classic or slim-fit style of blazer that is either wool or wool blend with no patches.

Upper Campus Boys & Girls Options:

- All shoes must have non-marking soles and low (2-inch or less) heels.
- Students are to wear dress shoes or business casual shoes with the uniform. No athletic or casual shoes are allowed. Acceptable styles of dress shoe are Oxford style, Derby style (boys and girls), and ballet flats (girls only). Acceptable styles

of business casual shoe are loafer style and boat/Sperry style. Any question as to whether or not the shoe falls within the guidelines is subject to administrative discretion.

- Boots (ankle length or western style) may be worn on designated Spirit Days and must be made of leather or suede in shades of black, brown, or tan. Boots may be worn with pants only.
- White, navy, black, tan or brown socks must be worn with shoes and must be visible. Girls may wear solid (not patterned) navy or black tights with skirts. In cold weather, black or navy leggings may be worn in lieu of tights. These must be the fitted type, not flared, and must cover the ankle and worn with socks that cover the ankle. Multi- or brightly-colored socks or pajamas are never appropriate for school.
- All pants must be worn with a solid brown or solid black belt.
- Uniform shorts may be worn through October and after Spring Break but never for Mass.
- No oversized or baggy clothing is allowed. No cargo pants or low rider pants are permitted. Pants and shorts must be neatly hemmed with no frayed edges.
- Visible tattoos, body art or writing on one's body is not permitted. No hologram contact lenses are permitted.
- No caps or hats should be worn inside the building during school hours.

- Jewelry should be very plain, preferably of a religious nature, and must not distract. No chain wallets or spikes on belts, bracelets or necklaces are allowed.
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings or studs of any kind.
- No body piercing on areas other than girls' ears are permitted. Earrings will be allowed if they are the stud-type for pierced ears or modest hoops or dangles. Gauged-style earrings are not permitted. Girls may wear no more than two earrings on each ear (lobe or cartilage).
- Headbands, barrettes, or bows may be worn to style hair. They must be conservative and non-distracting. Fad items of clothing or for hair styling are to be reserved for home.
- Skirts may be no shorter than 3" above the crease line at the back of the knees. Skirts may not be rolled down at the waist. Skorts must cover mid-thigh.
- P.E. uniforms – NDCS or solid colored t-shirt, solid colored shorts of appropriate length, athletic shoes, socks.
- If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform blouse or shirt, it must be either solid white or solid gray. The sleeves must not show under the uniform shirt. Under the white dress shirt, only a solid white undershirt should be worn.
- Winter coats may NOT be worn in the classroom.
- Approved Notre Dame Spirit Wear, including the ND letter jacket, NDCS fleece pullover, a solid navy hooded sweatshirt, and NDCS sweatshirt, may be worn at the upper campus during the school day.

- Please note that University of Notre Dame spirit wear is not an acceptable substitute for NDCS spirit wear.

No frayed, torn, or ragged clothing is acceptable, even if it is new.

Mass Day Dress Code: for liturgies and other announced special days:

Upper Campus Boys – white oxford (long/short sleeved; undershirt must be solid white), navy tie, khaki pants with belt; white, brown or black socks with black or brown dress shoes. Boys may wear adjustable ties through the 8th grade, but standard ties must be worn in 9th - 12th grade.

A navy colored blazer is required for Juniors and Seniors. The Navy Blazer must be a two-button classic or slim-fit style of blazer that is either wool or wool blend with no patches.

Upper Campus Girls – Uniform plaid skirt with white $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve blouse plaid cross-tie, navy knee socks with dress shoes (solid – not patterned – navy tights may be worn on cold winter days; undershirt must be solid white and should not show at the waist)

A navy colored blazer is an acceptable option for Juniors and Seniors. The Navy Blazer must be a two-button classic or slim-fit style of blazer that is either wool or wool blend with no patches.

*Students not in proper uniform on Mass Days may be sent to the office to have parents bring the correct uniform to school. A detention or demerit may be issued.

Spirit Day Dress Code: (must be approved by the principal)

Blue jeans (full length, covering ankles) with a NDCS t-shirt or sweatshirt, white/navy socks with athletic or school shoes. Substitutes for NDCS shirts will not be permitted. NDCS Spirit Wear may be purchased from the school office and on Orientation Day. Please note that University of Notre Dame spirit wear is not an acceptable substitute for NDCS spirit wear.

DRESS CODE FOR CASUAL DANCES, SCHOOL EVENTS, AND OTHER OUT-OF-UNIFORM ACTIVITIES

How we dress when we are not in school uniform must still be tasteful and modest. We always want to be positive representatives of our school community. Students must follow the guidelines established for each activity.

Students should be neatly dressed with no holes or frayed edges on clothing, even if they are purchased that way. Students may wear sandals or boots, but flip flops of any

kind are not permitted. Pajamas or nightwear, boxer shorts, thermal underwear, and slippers/house shoes are never appropriate. *Anything that draws undue attention to the student is not allowed.*

- No mini length apparel is permitted. Dresses and skirts must be mid-thigh in length, including slits. Shorts may be worn but they must be appropriate in length and style. If t-shirts are worn, they may not have any image or writing that is suggestive in nature or have slogans which have double meaning or innuendos.
- T-shirts may not advertise alcohol or tobacco products or in any other way be in poor taste. The final determination lies ultimately with the Principal.
- The clothing itself should not be of such a nature that it is considered suggestive or immodest. Extremely tight clothing, spaghetti straps, or tank tops, sundresses, low necklines, shirts or blouses which reveal any part of the stomach, clothing made of clingy, revealing fabrics, etc. are neither acceptable nor appropriate. Boys may not wear extremely baggy pants. Once again, the final determination lies ultimately with the principal.
- The wearing of caps or hats of any kind during the school day is not permitted in the school building even if the student is out of uniform, unless it is approved as a special dress-up/theme day (e.g. Western Day.) Earrings for boys are not permitted during the school day. Any other visible pierced body parts (i.e. noses, eyebrows, tongues, etc.) also are not permitted.
- Hair code and shaving code for boys remains the same.
- While “out-of-uniform” days are an opportunity for the students to express their individuality, the attire should not be of such a nature as to cause a distraction and consequently interfere with the learning environment.
- Those students who are in violation will be given the choice of changing into their school uniform or calling a parent to bring an appropriate item of clothing. The student may not go back to class until they are in compliance. Students may lose this privilege for remainder of semester.