

Providence School Uniform Policy

Rationale

Our Uniform Policy is driven by a desire to create and promote an environment where dress is not a distraction to the educational process. Several key principles to keep in mind:

1. Our goal is to honor God in all we do, acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our choices.
2. All human actions, including outward manifestations such as clothing, reveal and communicate the disposition of the heart.
3. Clothing represents the vocational calling of student, and inherent in the uniform standards is a desire to create an environment where undue attention is not drawn to specific students.
4. Expectations differ for boys and girls, and modesty is expected in all manners of dress.
5. Parents are expected to actively support school uniform expectations.

Uniforms should be clean and in good repair, and students are expected to be in uniform while on campus unless specified otherwise. The administration is responsible for the determination of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, faculty, and staff.

Clarifications

1. Where choices are given, please make sure the specific item (e.g. shoes, hair accessories, nail polish, etc.) does not draw unnecessary attention.
2. Modesty is expected in all areas with the goal of not drawing unnecessary attention to the student.
3. Undershirts/camisoles are optional but must be white.
4. Shirts/blouses may not have special edging or lace on the collars.
5. Pants for boys must be khaki-style dress pants. "Khaki" can be further defined as "light khaki, but should not be camel or brown in color. Most shades of "stone" are acceptable, if not too light. Pants may not be jean-style, cargo-style, skin-tight, form-fitting, or excessively baggy. Dress pants should have in-seam slit pockets at the hip, and rear pockets should be sewn-in, internal pockets, not sewn-on exterior pockets with stitching or exterior jean-style pockets.
6. Jumpers and skirts must be at or below the knee at all times throughout the school year. Growth during the year is an insufficient reason for a short skirt.
7. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
8. Hair ornaments are allowed for girls, and should be tasteful and in school colors (navy blue, forest green, white, or black). Secondary girls have more flexibility with color.
9. Hair for all students should be natural colors only. Boys may not dye or highlight their hair. Extreme haircuts that draw unnecessary attention to students such as mohawks or shaved styles on girls or excessively long hair on boys (past the middle of the collar or routinely falling into the eyes) are not appropriate for school. Hairstyles such as "man buns," braids, or ponytails may not be worn by boys during school or any school or sports-related activities.
10. Girls may have a single post/stud earring per ear and may wear necklaces tucked inside the shirt. Girls may wear bracelets that do not draw unnecessary attention to themselves. Boys may not wear jewelry other than a watch. Secondary boys may wear a bracelet.
11. Tattoos on students, including those that are semi-permanent, must be covered while students are on school grounds and participating in or attending school events.
12. Hats are not to be worn inside the building. Hats worn inside may be taken and put in the Special Box, or retained until the end of the school year (Hat exception: costumes for plays, special dress days, and presentations).
13. Secondary sports jerseys or warm-up attire may not be worn with the uniform. The one exception is on Fridays, when Providence sports outerwear, such as a team sweatshirt or jacket, maybe worn over the uniform.
14. "Senior Dress Day" - Seniors may wear business attire commensurate with the faculty dress guidelines on Wednesdays.
15. Secondary girls may wear discreet facial makeup and nail polish. Grammar girls may not wear make-up except for lightly colored fingernail polish and lip gloss.
16. Secondary boys have the option of wearing a blue blazer, which must be purchased from Dennis Uniform (blazer is not embroidered with the school logo).
17. Secondary girls have the option of wearing a blue blazer, which must be purchased from Land's End (Item #446582) (blazer is not embroidered with the school logo).
18. Grammar girls should wear bike shorts under their skirts daily - navy and black only.

Clothing Vendor - Dennis Uniform: 12608 Interurban Ave. S, Tukwila, WA 98168 (800-854-9651) dennisuniform.com

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BOYS

BOYS		
REGULAR Uniform	Grammar	Secondary
Pants	Khaki-colored dress pants	Khaki-colored dress pants
Shirts	Forest green or white polo or turtleneck (no logos)	Navy or white polo shirt or turtleneck (no logos)
Socks	White, tan, or black crew-length socks	Tan or black solid crew-length dress socks
Belts	Black or dark brown belt	Black or dark brown belt
Shoes	Black or dark brown sturdy shoes or tennis shoes (styles that do not draw attention)	Black or dark brown sturdy leather shoes (not tennis-shoe styles)
Outerwear*	Navy logoed sweatshirt or fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform)	Navy logoed sweatshirt or fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform) Blue blazer (optional) (Dennis Uniform)
DRESS Uniform	Grammar	Secondary
Pants	Khaki-colored dress pants	Khaki-colored dress pants
Shirts	White Oxford long-sleeve shirt (button-down collar)	White Oxford long-sleeve shirt (button-down collar)
Sweaters*	Navy logoed V-neck cardigan or V-neck vest (Dennis Uniform)	Navy logoed V-neck cardigan or V-neck vest (Dennis Uniform)
Ties*	Navy tie (clip on or four-in-hand) (Dennis Uniform)	House tie (Dennis Uniform)
Socks	Tan or black crew-length socks	Tan or black solid crew-length dress socks
Belts	Black or dark brown belt	Black or dark brown belt
Shoes	Black or dark brown sturdy leather shoes (not tennis-shoe styles)	Black or dark brown sturdy leather shoes (not tennis-shoe styles)
Outerwear*	Navy logoed fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform)	Navy logoed fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform) Navy blazer (optional) (Dennis Uniform)

GIRLS

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REGULAR Uniform	Grammar	Secondary
Skirts*	Navy or black watch plaid skirt or jumper, or navy skort (Dennis Uniform)	Black watch plaid skirt or khaki skirt (Dennis Uniform)
Shirts and Blouses	Forest green or white polo or turtleneck (no logos) White Peter Pan blouse (long/short sleeve)	Navy or white polo or turtleneck (no logos) White, pointed collar, long/short sleeve blouse
Socks/Tights Bike Shorts/Leggings	Navy, black, or white ankle cuff, knee socks, or tights (no patterns). Navy or black bike shorts. Navy or Black Lands' End leggings.	Navy, black, or white knee socks or tights (modest patterns OK)
Shoes	Black, dark brown, or navy shoe (1" heel or less) or tennis shoes (that do not draw attention)	Black, dark brown, or navy dress shoe (2" heel or less, non-cloth shoe)
Outerwear*	Navy logoed sweatshirt or fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform)	Navy logoed sweatshirt or fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform) Navy blazer (optional) (Land's End Item)
DRESS Uniform	Grammar	Secondary
Skirts/Jumpers*	Black watch plaid skirt or jumper (Dennis Uniform)	Black watch plaid skirt (Dennis Uniform)
Shirts	White Peter Pan blouse - long sleeve only	White, pointed collar, long sleeve blouse
Sweaters*	Navy crew neck or V-neck cardigan or V-neck vest (Dennis Uniform)	Navy crew neck or V-neck cardigan or V-neck vest (Dennis Uniform)
Socks	Navy or black tights	Navy or black tights or nylons (not sheer / no patterns)
Shoes	Black, dark brown, or navy dress shoes (1" heel or less)	Black, dark brown, or navy dress shoes (2" heel or less, non-cloth shoe)
Outerwear*	Navy logoed fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform)	Navy logoed fleece jacket (Dennis Uniform)

* Items must be purchased at Dennis Uniform

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Uniforms

Tops

- 1. Can my child wear a polo shirt with an alligator logo on it?**
No, all polo shirts should be plain and should not have a brand or logo on them.
- 2. My daughter has a white polo with lace on her collar. Is this OK?**
No, polo shirts and blouses may not have edging or lace on them.
- 3. My son likes to wear his Oxford with the sleeves rolled up and tie with the top button undone and the tie loose. Is that OK?**
As a general rule, no. Occasionally, however, exceptions are made by teachers or the principal during hot weather.

Bottoms

- 1. My son's pants have a hole in one of the knees. Are they appropriate to wear to school?**
No, it's time to retire that pair.
- 2. What does "knee length" mean for skirts?**
The skirt should come to the back of the young lady's knee while she is standing. While we don't ask girls to do this, skirts should pass the "kneel test" – that is, the skirt should touch the floor if she is kneeling.
- 3. My grammar school daughter has tights with an ornate pattern on them. Are they OK to wear?**
No, tights for grammar school girls must be solid colored without designs.
- 4. My daughter has a run in her tights – is this OK?**
Again, time to retire that pair and get new tights.
- 5. Can my daughter wear leggings under her skirt?**
Approved navy blue or black leggings must be purchased at Lands' End (School Uniform Ankle Length Leggings - Item #433987BR4). Socks must still be worn with leggings.

Shoes and Accessories

- 1. My first grader cannot tie his shoes yet. Should he still wear shoes with laces?**
No, please have him wear Velcro shoes so he won't have to worry about trying to tie them.
- 2. Do boots and sandals count as shoes?**
No, they do not.
- 3. Are Toms shoes OK to wear?**
Toms are wonderfully comfortable shoes, but because they are a cloth shoe, Toms and others like them are not OK to wear at school.
- 4. What are some examples of boys' hair styles that are not modest in style and appearance?**
Basically anything that will make him stand out in a group such as hair below his collar, hair that routinely falls into the eyes, or a Mohawk-style cut. Also, hairstyles such as "man buns," braids, or ponytails, may not be worn by boys during school or any school or sports-related activities.
- 5. What are some examples of grammar shoes that "draw unnecessary attention" to the person?**
Examples include shoes with bling, flashing lights, booties, or hightops.
- 6. What types of belts are OK to wear?**
Belts should be black or brown leather, with no ostentatious buckles.
- 7. Can dress shoes be partially white?**
No, dress shoes should be dark in color and should not have white, cream, or light tan on them.
- 8. My son says that dark no-show or low-cut socks qualify as dress socks. Is that true?**
No, it isn't.
- 9. Is it OK for girls to wear colored hair accessories?**
Yes, hair accessories for grammar school girls should be school colors (white, navy, forest green, or black) and should not draw unnecessary attention to her. Secondary girls have more flexibility with color.