

Dress Code

Boys' Uniform and Dress Code

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High School – Boys have the option of wearing a short or long sleeve white or light blue oxford shirt. The oxford dress shirt with school crest must be pressed and worn fully buttoned with only the uppermost button undone. Juniors and Seniors may wear their senior blazers over the oxford shirt only. The oxford shirt may also be worn with a designated tie by Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. The tie's design and color scheme will be selected by the school.

Middle School – Boys have the option of wearing a short or long sleeve navy-blue or white polo shirt with school crest with only the upper most button undone.

Boys' Sweater: The navy uniform cardigan or pullover sweater with the school crest may be worn. No other sweaters may be worn in classrooms during the school day.

Boys' Dress Pants: Student's dress pants must be khaki colored, with belt loops. Acceptable fabrics for the dress pants are cotton, polyester, or poly-blend. Pants must reach to the shoe but may not drag on the ground. (No khaki jeans or dungarees. No utility loops or patch pockets, extra zippers, Velcro, or extra seams.) Neither oversized, baggy pants nor tight ("skinny") pants will be permitted. Pants should be worn at the waist (and no boxers or undergarments may be visible – including at sports practices and games).

Boys' Shorts: Khaki walking shorts with white or solid-colored dark socks are a uniform option for males from the beginning of the school year to Fall Break and from Spring Break through the end of school year. Acceptable fabrics for the shorts are cotton, polyester, or poly-blend. No utility loops or patch pockets, extra zippers, Velcro, or extra seams. Shorts should extend to just above the knee.

Boys' Belts: A solid-colored leather or simulated leather black or dark brown dress belt must be worn with the dress pants and shorts. Dress belts with a simple clasp or open buckle designs are acceptable.

Boys' Footwear/Socks: Students may wear black or brown leather or simulated leather dress shoes in lace-up or loafer style (see Footwear document in Appendix). As a reminder, dress shoes require periodic hand cleaning and polishing/conditioning. Cloth, canvas, plastic, or athletic shoes are not uniform attire. Socks must be white or solid black, navy, or dark brown in color, and extend above the ankle and be free of visible brand logos, patterns, or decorations. Students with medical foot problems requiring special footwear should consult the "Medically-Necessary Footwear" document.

Boys' Hair: Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Hair must be above the top of the shirt collar. Hair should be styled so that it does not fall below the eyebrows or past the

midpoint of the ear. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color and cut (no unnatural streaking/highlighting, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Hair may not change color during the school year. Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

Boys' Jewelry: All jewelry must be tasteful and worn in a non-distracting manner. Boys are permitted to wear one watch, one finger ring and one necklace. Only simple, fine-gauged, 16 to 20-inch, silver or gold chain necklaces are permitted. Necklaces must be worn inside the shirt.

Boys' Headwear: Hats, bandanas, and sunglasses will not be permitted indoors and must be stored in student lockers during the school day. Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

Boys' Outerwear: All jackets, sweatshirts, and other outerwear should be free of distracting or inappropriate images and messages. Outerwear must be stored in student lockers during the school day. Except for the school letter jacket, outerwear may not be worn in classrooms.

Additional Guidelines: *If an item of dress or appearance is deemed incongruent with the standards of the Academy by an administrator, the student must alter their dress or appearance in accordance with the administrator's directive.*

Uniform items must be properly-fitting, neat in appearance and free of stains, tears, or excessive wear. Temporary or permanent visible tattoos are not permitted; this includes pen and ink drawing or writing on the skin.

Girls' Uniform and Dress Code

Girls' Shirts: Shirts must remain tucked in at all times with waistband visible. A white undergarment may be worn, free of any designs or logos.

High School – Girls have the option of wearing a short or long sleeve white, light blue, or yellow oxford shirt with school crest. The oxford blouse with school crest must be pressed and worn fully buttoned with only the uppermost button undone. Juniors and Seniors may wear their senior blazers over the oxford only. The oxford may also be worn with a designated tie by Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. The tie's design and color scheme will be selected by the school.

Middle School – Girls have the option of wearing a short or long sleeve white, navy blue, or yellow polo shirt with school crest and worn fully buttoned with only the uppermost button undone

Girls' Sweater: The navy-blue uniform cardigan or pullover sweater with the school crest may be worn. No other sweaters may be worn during the school day.

Girls' Skirts: Girls may wear the official uniform skirt. Skirts must be worn at the waist with the waistband visible at all times. When properly adjusted at the student's waist, the skirt hem should be touching the top of the knee. Skirts may be longer if desired.

Girls' Dress Pants: Girls' dress pants must be khaki colored, with belt loops. Acceptable fabrics for the dress pants are cotton, polyester, or poly-blend. Pants must reach to the shoe but may not drag on the ground. (No khaki jeans or dungarees. No utility loops or patch pockets, extra zippers, Velcro, or extra seams.) Neither oversized, baggy pants nor tight ("skinny") pants will be permitted. Pants should be worn at the waist.

Girls' Shorts: Khaki walking shorts with white or solid-colored dark socks are a uniform option for students from the beginning of the school year to Fall Break and from Spring Break through the end of school year. Acceptable fabrics for the shorts are cotton, polyester, or poly-blend. No utility loops or patch pockets, extra zippers, Velcro, or extra seams. Shorts should extend to just above the knee.

Girls' Belts: A solid-colored leather or simulated leather black or dark brown dress belt must be worn with the dress pants and shorts. Dress belts with a simple clasp or open buckle designs are acceptable.

Girls' Footwear/Socks: Girls may wear black or brown leather or simulated leather dress shoes with a 1.5 inch or less heel (measured at back of heel) and low sole. As a reminder, dress shoes require periodic hand cleaning and occasional polishing/conditioning. Cloth, canvas, plastic, sequined or athletic shoes are not uniform attire. Socks must be white, solid black (or navy blue, depending on local skirt color) in color, and extend above the ankle. Nylons or tights must extend from the toes to the waist, and be white, solid black, or navy in color. All socks, nylons and tights must be free of logos, patterns, or decorations. Students with medical foot problems requiring special footwear should consult the "Medically-Necessary Footwear" document.

Girls' Hair: Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Neat small bows, barrettes, headbands, and hair ties are permissible so long as they coordinate with the uniform. Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color and cut (no unnatural streaking/highlighting, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors). Hair may not change color during the school year. Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

Girls' Makeup/Nail Polish: Girls may wear subtle make-up applied tastefully and in moderation. Fingernails may be painted with solid-colored nail polish in tasteful natural tones (mild pinks and reds as well as light tans are also permitted, along with traditional French tips. No white or black nail polish.). Fingernails must be conservatively and tastefully manicured; nails should be trimmed as to extend only shortly beyond the tips of the finger, and press-on nails should be of similar length. If necessary, students will need to remove nail polish or paint over press-on gels with colors provided by the front office. Fingernails should not be excessively long or painted garishly. If necessary, students will need to remove distracting, overly colorful, or excessive makeup.

Girls' Jewelry: All jewelry must be tasteful and worn in a non-distracting manner; gaudy costume or novelty jewelry is not uniform attire. Girls have the option of wearing one pair of matching earlobe earrings (No other body piercings are permitted), one watch, one finger ring and one necklace. Earrings must be worn on the ear lobe and cannot hang more than one-half inch below the ear lobe. Only fine-gauged, 16-to-20-inch, silver or gold chain necklaces are permitted. Necklaces must be worn inside the shirt. Necklace pendants, if worn, must be less than an inch in length, width, or diameter. Girls may wear one tasteful, non-distracting metal bracelet per wrist.

Girls' Headwear: Hats, bandanas, and sunglasses will not be permitted indoors and must be stored in student lockers during the school day. Accommodations for religious reasons are permitted.

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General Uniform and Dress Code Option for All Students

Shirts: Shirts must remain tucked in at all times with waistband visible. A white undershirt may be worn, free of any designs or logos.

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Middle School – Students have the option of wearing a short or long sleeve white or navy-blue polo shirt with school crest and worn fully buttoned with only the uppermost button undone

Sweater: The navy-blue uniform cardigan or pullover sweater with the school crest may be worn. No other sweaters may be worn during the school day.

Dress Pants: Dress pants must be khaki colored, with belt loops. Acceptable fabrics for the dress pants are cotton, polyester, or poly-blend. Pants must reach to the shoe but may not

drag on the ground. (No khaki jeans or dungarees. No utility loops or patch pockets, extra zippers, Velcro, or extra seams.) Neither oversized, baggy pants nor tight (“skinny”) pants will be permitted. Pants should be worn at the waist (and no boxers or undergarments may be visible – including at sports practices and games).

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Belts: A solid-colored leather or simulated leather black or dark brown dress belt must be worn with the dress pants and shorts. Dress belts with a simple clasp or open buckle designs are acceptable.

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NON-UNIFORM DRESS CODE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Athletic Practice, Outdoor Field Day, and Attending School Events Dress Code

Just as the Academy provides guidelines for dress code in the classroom, it is important to project the image of professionalism in our athletic attire as well.

All shirts worn for athletic practices and field day should be modest, loose fitting, in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.), and should be worn either tucked in or well over the waist of the pants/shorts if not tucked in. No midriffs may be shown. T-shirts are preferred—no tank tops, camisoles, or sports bras may be worn as outer-garments. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if modest.

Pants/shorts should be modest and in good repair (no holes, torn sleeves, etc.). Pants should be worn at the waist and should be no shorter than mid-thigh, and no-longer than just below the knee. No short-shorts or long baggy shorts may be worn. No boxers or undergarments may be visible. No yoga pants for field day.

Attire should be free of inappropriate messages. Sports team logos (e.g., Diamondbacks, Notre Dame), and apparel brand names (e.g., Adidas, Nike) are acceptable, provided they do not make inappropriate allusions. These guidelines also apply to sweatshirts and jackets that students may wear. Footwear should be athletic in nature: no sandals, open-toed, or platform shoes. Hats and sunscreen may be appropriate if the students will be in the sun. Hat styles should follow the same guidelines as above.

If wearing non-athletic wear to a school event, no overly tight or revealing clothing should be worn.

Semi-formal Events Dress Code

There are specific, semi-formal dress requirements for special events, including periodic fine arts concerts, athletic awards ceremonies, and the end-of-year ceremonies (such as commencement and graduation).

Concert dress for Middle School: Boys wear white long-sleeve collared dress shirts with black pants and black dress shoes. Boys must wear a black necktie. No bowties. Girls wear a white blouse with a black skirt or black dress pants and black dress shoes (open-toed shoes and reasonable heels are permitted).

Concert dress for High School: Boys will wear black long-sleeve collared dress shirts with black slacks with a black belt and black dress shoes with black socks. Girls wear a black dress or black blouse with a black skirt or black dress slacks and black dress shoes (open-toed dress shoes and heels of a reasonable height are permitted.) Ladies concert dresses

must reach at least to the knee and no more than four fingers below the collarbone and having at least a cap-sleeve. Girls may also choose to wear a non-transparent black shawl or sweater to be within dress code.

The **semi-formal dress code for boys** is as follows: dress pants (no jeans or patched pocket pants), a collared dress shirt, dark socks, dress shoes (no sneakers or sandals). For commencement, graduating 8th graders must wear a tie. No dyed hair or hats. Hair should be trimmed appropriately. A handout with specific dress code expectations will be given prior to each event.

The **semi-formal dress code for girls** is as follows: modest-length skirts or dresses with hems that approach the knee, or appropriately fitting dress pants. Bare midribs are not acceptable. Modestly-cut sleeveless tops/dresses are allowed; ladies may not wear strapless, spaghetti-strap, or tank tops. Girls should wear dress shoes. No flip-flops. Hair should be styled appropriately. A handout with specific dress code expectations will be given prior to each event.