

## 2023-2024 Upper School Uniform Dress Code

The Uniform Dress Code was created to encourage a community spirit at Providence Academy and to enhance school pride. It is provided as a means of focusing on the student as a unique person while diminishing the importance of external factors such as clothing.

Providence Academy students are expected to maintain a neat, clean, and modest appearance at all times. All clothing and appearance choices should uphold the spirit in which the Providence Academy Uniform Dress Code is written. Uniforms are required on all school days except when specified by the administration. The appropriateness of clothing, makeup, hair or accessories is ultimately at the discretion of the school. In general:

- Upper School Uniform articles are different than those required in other Divisions. Please read the information for the Upper School..
- Uniform is expected to be in good condition: items that wear or fade over time should be replaced
- Clothing is expected to be properly sized to fit
- Uniform articles are to be worn appropriately (i.e.: shirts tucked in, shoelaces tied, skirts proper length).

Students who do not meet dress code expectations may need to change into appropriate clothing borrowed from the Student Service Office, or their parents may be called to bring appropriate clothing to school. Consistent adherence to dress code expectations helps students advance a dignified culture and avoid needless consequences.

In keeping with the spirit of the uniform policy, all student accessories (e.g.: backpacks, pencil cases, locker accessories) are to be neat, clean, and modest. In addition, slogans, signs, or symbols contrary to our mission and code of conduct (e.g. prominently displayed brand names) are not allowed.

### **Dress-Up Attire**

Occasionally a school event will require dress-up attire. On these days, appropriate dress for boys includes a sport coat, tie, sweater, dress-shirt, dress pants, and shoes. For girls, appropriate dress includes a dress, skirt, or dress pants with a blouse, and appropriate dress shoes. Modest hemlines and necklines are required on dress-up attire.

### **Special Days**

Special events such as Homecoming, Catholic Schools Week, school dances, and field trips may dictate non-uniform attire specific to those events. Attire expectations will be announced in advance of those events.

### **Hair All students:**

Hair is required to be neat, clean, and modest. Hair should be a color naturally occurring in humans, this includes braids and extensions. Hair can not draw undue attention to the student.

**Girls:** Girls may wear modest hairstyles that may include headbands and hairclips but no other hair accessories including beads.

**Boys:** Boys are required to have short, well-groomed hair. Hair should be cut above the ears on the side and above the collar from the back. Bangs must not obstruct eyes and sit at or above

the eyebrows. Boys may not wear any hair accessories including beads. Sideburns may be no longer than mid-ear. In addition, at least half the forehead should be showing. Facial hair is to be shaved.

**Hats/Headwear**

Students are not allowed to wear hats, hoods, bandanas, scarves or wraps of any kind during the school day.

**Jewelry**

Post or hoop earrings should be a maximum of one inch in length and one inch in diameter. Boys may not wear earrings. Immodest jewelry, body and facial jewelry, and ankle bracelets may not be worn. A modest number of accessory items may be worn. Tattoos may not be visible.

**Makeup**

Providence Academy permits girls with parental approval to wear a modest amount of makeup and nail polish.

**Student Good Standing Covenant**

Each year, Upper School students sign our “Behavior Covenant”. In addition to behavior expectations, in signing the Covenant, all students agree to comply with Providence Academy uniform and grooming standards. Just as with behavior, students who fail to comply with uniform and grooming standards are subject to disciplinary actions up to suspension.

<b>Required Uniform Items for Upper School Boys</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Available From</b>
<b>Pants</b>	Dark Khaki Chino or Twill Pants, flat front or pleated style	Donald’s Educational Outfitters Land’s End
<b>Shirts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Light Blue or White Oxford Cloth Shirt ( short or long sleeve)</li> <li>● Classic Navy or White Mesh Performance Interlock Polo Shirt ( short or long sleeve)</li> </ul> <p><i>*Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt along with the optional sweater or sweatshirt if choosing to wear to wear either</i></p>	Donald’s Educational Outfitters Land’s End
<b>Socks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tan</li> <li>● Crew style with no logo</li> </ul>	Any retailer
<b>Belt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plain leather</li> <li>● Solid Brown, Black or Navy Blue</li> <li>● Plain buckle</li> </ul>	Any retailer

<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leather or Suede</li> <li>• Plain style: no pattern, multi-color or prominent logos</li> <li>• Brown, Black or Navy</li> <li>• Lace-up, loafer or boat shoe with closed toe and full back</li> <li>• Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, gray, white gold or silver</li> <li>• Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or white</li> <li>• Athletic shoes are permitted only for physical education class</li> </ul> <p><b><i>*Moccasin-style, slipper-style, boots, ankle boots or other boot type shoes are not permitted</i></b></p>	Any Retailer
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**Examples of acceptable shoes for young men**



**Examples of NOT ACCEPTABLE shoes for young men**



**Optional Uniform Items for Upper School Boys**

<b>Sweaters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy V-neck pullover (Donald's or Educational Outfitters)</li> <li>• Classic Navy Drifter V-Neck (Land's End)</li> <li>• Maize or Classic Navy Plain Front Fine Gauge Cardigan (Land's End)</li> <li>• Navy Crew Neck Cardigan (Donald's and Educational Outfitters) (All sweaters must have Providence Insignia)</li> </ul> <p><i>*Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt. All sweaters must have Providence Insignia</i></p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
<b>Sweatshirts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt (Sweatshirts must have PA Insignia)</li> <li>• Seniors may wear the school approved "Senior Sweatshirt"</li> </ul> <p><i>*Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt in addition if</i></p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters

	<i>choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt. Sweatshirt must have the PA Insignia</i>	Land's End
<b>Shirt</b>	Plain White Crew T-shirts/undershirt may be worn under the uniform shirt	Any retailer
<b>Tie</b>	Gold and Navy striped necktie or bow tie may be worn with Oxford shirt	Donald's

<b>Required Uniform Items for Upper School Girls</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FROM</b>
<b>Skirt</b>	Navy Blue Pleated Skirt ( Polyester/Wool Blend - skirt must be hemmed to mid-knee or longer) <i>*We strongly recommend purchasing the long length to insure compliance with the skirt length regulation.</i>	Donald's (long length available)  Educational Outfitters
<b>Blouses/ Shirt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve)</li> <li>● Classic Navy or White Mesh or Performance Interlock Polo Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve), Straight or Banded Bottom</li> </ul> <i>*Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.</i>	Donald's  Educational Outfitters  Land's End
<b>Socks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● White or Navy Blue Non-Athletic Knee Socks</li> <li>● Navy, White, or Skin-tone Tights</li> <li>● Plain style: No patterns, multi-colors, or prominent logos</li> </ul>	Any Retailer
<b>Shoes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leather (including patent and suede) material</li> <li>● Plain style: No patterns, multi-colors, or prominent logos</li> <li>● Navy, Black, or Brown</li> <li>● Lace-up, loafer, or boat shoe with closed toe and full backs</li> <li>● Moccasin-style, slipper-style, boots, ankle boots, or other boot type shoes are not permitted</li> <li>● Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, gray, white, gold, or silver</li> <li>● Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or white</li> <li>● Heels may not exceed 2"</li> <li>● Athletic shoes may be worn for physical education classes only</li> <li>● <b><i>Moccasin-style, slipper-style, boots, ankle boots or other boot type shoes are not permitted</i></b></li> </ul>	Any Retailer

**Examples of acceptable shoes for young ladies**



**Examples of NOT ACCEPTABLE shoes for young ladies**



**Optional Uniform Items for Upper School Girls**

<p><b>Sweaters</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Navy V-neck pullover (Donald's or Educational Outfitters)</li> <li>● Classic Navy Drifter V-Neck (Land's End)</li> <li>● Maize or Classic Navy Plain Front Fine Gauge Cardigan (Land's End)</li> <li>● Navy Crew Neck Cardigan (Donald's and Educational Outfitters)</li> <li>● All sweaters must have Providence Insignia</li> </ul> <p><i>*Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.</i></p>	<p>Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End  (Must have PA Insignia)</p>
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<b>Sweatshirt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt (Sweatshirts must have PA Insignia)</li> <li>• Seniors may wear the school approved "Senior Sweatshirt"</li> </ul> <p><i>*Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.</i></p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End  (Must request PA Insignia)
<b>Pants</b>	Khaki Women's Perfect Fit Plain Front Blend Chino style pants. Must be the uniform pants purchased from approved retailers only. See column to the right. <b>Note: Pants option only available between November 1 - April 1.</b>	Land's End
<b>Shorts</b>	Navy blue biker shorts may be worn under the uniform skirt (must not be visible below the hemline of the skirt)	Any retailer

<b>Upper School Physical Education Uniform for both Girls and Boys</b>		
<b>Shorts</b>	Dri Fit Short with Crest Screen printed on leg	Purchased through school
<b>T-Shirts</b>	Dri Fit T-shirt with Providence Academy Logo	Purchased through school
<b>Shoes</b>	Non-marking Athletic Shoes	Any retailer
<b>Socks</b>	Uniform Socks or White Sport Socks	Purchased through school
<p><b>PE Uniform shorts and T-shirts are to be ordered through Providence Academy. Uniform pieces will be charged to the student's account and be distributed on the first day of class. Please click the link to order <a href="#">PA Gym Uniform Link 2024</a></b></p>		