PROVIDENCE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY (UPDATED FOR 2026-2027)

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 students, 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 AND GROOMING PRACTICES

Boys:

1. Where choices are given, please make sure the specific item (e.g., shoes) does not draw unnecessary attention.
2. Pants for boys must be chino or dress pants in khaki color as defined and pictured on the school website. Grammar boys may wear navy chino or dress pants on regular uniform days. Pants may not be jean-style, cargo-style, form-fitting, or excessively baggy. Dress pants should have in-seam slit pockets at the hip, not sewn-on exterior back pockets.
3. Boys' pants may not be excessively short. Pants may not be rolled. Growth during the year is an insufficient reason for pants not meeting the guideline. Pants must either meet or be close to touching the top of the shoes.
4. Shirts must be tucked in at all times while in the building, and all polos must be worn with at least one button fastened.
5. Hair for boys must be natural colors only (no bleached or dyed hair). Extreme haircuts that draw unnecessary attention to students and are not appropriate include: mohawks; shaved styles, and ornamental cuts. No excessively long hair (past the middle of the collar or routinely falling into the eyes). Hairstyles such as "man buns," braids, or ponytails may not be worn by boys during school hours or at any school or sports-related activity. If a student's ears are covered by hair to the point that ¼ of their total ear is covered, it is too long and needs to be cut. A student who is asked to cut his hair should cut it in such a way that it will not be out of compliance again in a few weeks.
6. Boys' facial hair must be well groomed.
7. Grammar Boys may not wear jewelry other than a non-smart watch. Secondary boys may wear a watch, bracelet, and/or a ring.

8. Tattoos, including those that are semi-permanent, must be covered while students are on school grounds and participating in or attending school events.
9. Hats are not to be worn inside the building. Hat exception: costumes for plays, special dress days, and presentations.
10. Secondary sports outwear such as a team sweatshirt, or warm-up shirt may not be worn with the uniform on any day except Fridays.
11. Senior Dress Day - Seniors may wear business attire commensurate with the faculty dress guidelines on Wednesdays. See Senior Professional Dress Document.

Girls:

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. White undershirts/camisoles are optional except for under white polos . These are required for Secondary girls when wearing a white polo.
3. Shirts/blouses may not have special edging or lace on the collars.
4. Jumpers and skirts must be mid- knee length at all times throughout the school year. Growth during the year is an insufficient reason for a short skirt.
5. Shirts must be tucked in at all times while in the building, and all polos must be worn with at least one button fastened.
6. Tattoos, including those that are semi-permanent, must be covered while students are on school grounds and participating in or attending school events.
7. Hair ornaments for Grammar girls must be plain navy blue, evergreen, white, black, or school black watch plaid(navy/evergreen). Secondary girls have more flexibility with color.
8. Hair for girls must be natural colors only. No bleached or dyed hair (natural highlighting is ok). Extreme haircuts that draw unnecessary attention to students and are not appropriate include: mohawks; shaved styles; excessively short hair.
9. Grammar girls may wear one stud earring per ear. Secondary girls may wear one stud earring per ear or discreet non-stud earrings. Discreet means not too large or ostentatious, complements the uniform, and is not distracting. Only Secondary Girls may wear bracelets and rings that do not draw unnecessary attention to themselves. Girls may only wear necklaces tucked inside the shirt.
10. Hats are not to be worn inside the building. Hat exception: costumes for plays, special dress days, and presentations. See Special Dress Days document.
11. Secondary sports outwear such as a team sweatshirt or warm-up shirt may not be worn with the uniform on any day except Fridays. See Special Dress Days document.
12. Senior Dress Day - Seniors may wear business attire commensurate with the faculty dress guidelines on Wednesdays. See Senior Professional Dress document.
13. Secondary girls may wear discreet facial makeup and nail polish. Nails may not be distracting or impede learning. No black or dark blue nail polish. Grammar girls may not wear make-up except for lightly colored fingernail polish and lip gloss.
14. Grammar girls must wear navy or black bike shorts under their skirts daily

GRAMMAR REGULAR UNIFORM
GRADES PRE-K-6

BOYS	
Tops	Evergreen or white long/short sleeve polo
Bottoms	Khaki-colored or navy chino pants (No British Khaki)
Socks	Black, tan, or navy crew-length socks
Belts	Black or dark brown leather or faux-leather belt
Shoes	Black or dark brown sturdy dress shoes (no colored or white soles), or tennis shoes with laces or Velcro (no embellishment such as pictures, wheels, lights, etc.) High tops must be fully laced to the top of the shoe and remain tied throughout the day
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy quarter-zip sweatshirt or fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** quarter-zip or fleece jacket in good repair*
GIRLS	
Tops	Evergreen or white long/short sleeve polo; white Peter Pan collar long/short sleeve polo
Bottoms	**Lands' End:** Blackwatch plaid jumper, A-line plaid skirt, or box pleat navy skirt (mid-knee length); **Flynn O'Hara:** Blackwatch plaid pleated skirt (mid-knee length); *May wear previous **Dennis** Blackwatch plaid skirt (mid-knee length) in good repair*
Socks/Tights/Bike Shorts/Leggings	Solid navy/black/white turn cuff socks or knee socks, navy or black opaque footed tights, navy or black bike shorts (to be worn with socks or tights), **Lands' End** black uniform leggings. Uniform socks must be worn with leggings. No athletic or no-show socks.
Shoes	Black or navy sturdy dress shoes (1" heel or less), or tennis shoes with laces or Velcro (no embellishment such as pictures, wheels, lights, etc., no booties)
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy quarter-zip sweatshirt or fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** quarter-zip or fleece jacket in good repair*

Lands' End | www.landsend.com/co/account/school-uniforms
Flynn O'Hara | www.flynnohara.com; code: WA-004

GRAMMAR DRESS UNIFORM
GRADES K-6

BOYS	
Tops	White Oxford long-sleeve shirt (button-down collar)
Bottoms	Khaki-colored chino pants (No British Khaki)
Sweaters	**Lands' End** Navy V-neck sweater or V-neck vest (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** navy V-neck sweater or V-neck vest in good repair*
Ties	**Lands' End** Uniform tie in Classic Navy/Evergreen plaid
Socks	Black, navy, or tan/beige crew-length socks
Belts	Black or dark brown leather or faux-leather belt
Shoes	Black or dark brown sturdy dress shoes (no tennis-shoe styles; no colored or white soles)
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** navy fleece jacket in good repair*
GIRLS	
Tops	White Peter Pan blouse/polo (long sleeve only)
Bottoms	**Lands' End:** Blackwatch plaid jumper or A-line plaid skirt, (mid-knee length); **Flynn O'Hara:** Blackwatch plaid pleated skirt (mid-knee length); *May wear previous **Dennis** Blackwatch plaid skirt (mid-knee length) in good repair*
Sweaters	**Lands' End** navy crew neck cardigan or V-neck vest (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** navy cardigan or V-neck vest in good repair*
Tights/Bike Shorts	Black opaque uniform tights, navy or black bike shorts (to be worn with tights)
Shoes	Black or navy dress shoes (1" heel or less)
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** navy fleece jacket in good repair*

Note: Pre-K students are never required to wear dress uniform.

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SECONDARY REGULAR UNIFORM

GRADES 7-12

BOYS	
Tops	Navy or white long/short sleeve polo (logo optional)
Bottoms	Khaki-colored chino pants (No British Khaki)
Socks	Any dress sock (no athletic socks)
Belts	Black or dark brown leather or faux-leather belt
Shoes	Black, brown, navy, or dark grey shoes (no colored or white soles permitted)
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy quarter-zip sweatshirt or fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** quarter-zip or fleece jacket in good repair*
GIRLS	
Tops	Navy or white long/short sleeve polo, white pointed collar long sleeve blouse
Bottoms	**Lands' End:** A-line plaid skirt, box pleat navy skirt (mid-knee length), Navy Ponte dress (with logo); **Flynn O'Hara:** Blackwatch plaid pleated skirt (mid-knee length); *May wear previous **Dennis** Blackwatch plaid skirt (mid-knee length) in good repair*
Socks/Tights/Bike Shorts	Navy/black/white knee socks, black opaque footed tights Navy or black bike shorts (to be worn with socks)
Shoes	Black, brown, or dark grey shoe (2" heel or less, no contrasting or white soles permitted)
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy quarter-zip sweatshirt or fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** quarter-zip or fleece jacket in good repair*

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SECONDARY DRESS UNIFORM

GRADES 7-12

BOYS	
Tops	White Oxford long-sleeve shirt (button-down collar)
Bottoms	Khaki-colored chino pants (No British Khaki)
Sweaters	**Lands' End** Navy V-neck sweater or V-neck vest (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** Navy V-neck sweater or V-neck vest in good repair*
Navy Blazer (OPTIONAL)	**Lands' End** School Uniform Blazer (High School)
Ties	**Lands' End** Uniform tie in Classic Navy/Evergreen plaid
Socks	Black, tan, or navy crew-length dress socks (no athletic socks)
Belts	Black or dark brown leather or faux-leather belt
Shoes	Black, brown, navy, or dark grey shoes (no tennis-shoe styles; no colored or white soles permitted)
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** navy fleece jacket in good repair*
GIRLS	
Tops	White pointed-collar oxford long sleeve blouse with white camisole underneath.
Bottoms	**Lands' End:** A-line plaid skirt, (mid-knee length); **Flynn O'Hara:** Blackwatch plaid pleated skirt (mid-knee length); *May wear previous **Dennis** Blackwatch plaid skirt (mid-knee length) in good repair*
Sweaters	**Lands' End** navy crew neck cardigan or V-neck vest (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** cardigan or V-neck vest in good repair*
Tights	Black opaque uniform tights
Shoes	Black, brown, or navy dress shoes (2" heel or less, not boots or booties)
Outerwear to wear in classroom (optional)	**Lands' End** navy fleece jacket (with logo) *May wear previous **Dennis** navy fleece jacket in good repair*

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING UNIFORMS

Tops

1. May my child wear a polo shirt with an alligator logo on it?
   No. Polos must be plain. The Lands' End school logo is optional.

2. My daughter has a white polo with lace on her collar. Is this OK?
   No. Polo shirts and blouses must be unadorned.

3. My child likes to wear his Oxford with the sleeves rolled up with the top button undone and the tie loose. Is that OK?
   Shirtsleeves may be rolled during class but must be down and buttoned for assemblies, choral and band performances, and field trips. Ties should be cinched at the top and all buttons should be buttoned.

4. Does my son or daughter need to wear a polo under a sweatshirt, fleece, or sportswear on regular dress days even if they don't plan to take it off during the day?
   Yes. These items are all considered "optional outerwear" and do not replace the shirt uniform requirement. The one exception is when an approved Friday sports/school sponsored attire is a shirt rather than outerwear.

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. All uniforms should be in good repair.

2. What does "mid-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?
   No. It's time to retire that pair. All uniforms should be in good repair.

5. Can my daughter wear leggings under her skirt?
   Yes, but only the approved black Lands' End uniform leggings (Item 549449-BPX). Uniform 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?
   Velcro shoes are fine until he is comfortable tying laces.

2. Do boots, booties and sandals count as shoes?
   Grammar: *No. Please select sturdy leather shoes or tennis shoes per the guidelines.*
   Secondary: *Boys may wear dress ankle boots at any time (no combat or cowboy style, no higher than 2" ankle). Secondary girls may wear dress ankle boots on regular dress days only. Sandals are not permitted. See Secondary Lookbook with Addendum for details.*

3. What are some examples of shoes that "draw unnecessary attention" to the person?
   Grammar: *Examples include shoes with bling, flashing lights, patterns, or booties.*
   Secondary: *Examples include shoes with excessively thick soles, patterns, or high-top tennis shoes.*

4. Are Toms shoes OK to wear?
   For Grammar: *No, Toms are not an approved shoe for grammar students.*
   For Secondary: *Yes, for regular uniform days. See Secondary Lookbook with Addendum for details regarding approved cloth dress shoes.*

5. What are some examples of boys' hair styles that are not modest in style and appearance?
   (Anything that will make him stand out in a group) such as hair below the middle of 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 activity.

6. What types of belts are OK to wear?
   Belts should be plain black or dark brown leather or faux leather with modest buckles.

7. Is it OK for girls to wear colored hair accessories?
   Yes. ***Grammar:*** *Hair accessories must be school colors (black watch plaid, white, navy, evergreen, or black) and modest in size and style to not draw unnecessary attention.* ***Secondary:*** *Girls have more flexibility with color, but hair adornments must be colors that complement the uniform and not be oversized.*

8. My child says that dark no-show or low-cut socks qualify as dress socks. Is that true?
   No. Athletic, ankle, and no-show socks are not allowed in grammar or secondary at any time. ***Grammar:*** *crew length.* ***Secondary boys:*** *any dress sock (mid-calf, crew, or over the calf).* ***Secondary girls:*** *knee socks or tights only.*

9. May my daughter wear white athletic socks with her uniform?
   No. Athletic socks are never worn with uniforms.