

Logos School Uniform Policy

2008-2009

Our development of a uniform policy is driven by a desire to create and promote an environment of learning where dress is not a distraction to the educational process. The motivation for the policy has grown out of the following principles:

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 at some level. It is our desire to address these heart issues in one uniform policy rather than seeking to anticipate and curb the numerous manifestations of it that surface throughout the year with a looser dress code.
3. Clothing represents the vocational calling of a person, and inherent in the uniform policy is a desire to create an environment where undue attention is not drawn to specific students. The neat appearance created by a uniform enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
4. Uniforms help engender a cohesive presentation of the students in our school. When our students are in uniform it communicates, aesthetically, that they are part of the same team, working toward the same goals. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence, and the code establishes a tradition toward that end.
5. A uniform saves parents time, as all uniform items, including accessories, can be purchased at the same source-*Hall Closet Uniforms*. This may save parents not only time, but energy as well. In addition, time may be saved each morning as the “what to wear” issue is eliminated.
6. The uniform code should save parents money. The uniform code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues. The selected clothes were chosen with price and durability in mind for an overall good value.
7. The uniform code addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.

Students are expected to be in uniform while on campus unless specified otherwise by the administration. The administration is responsible for the interpretation of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, faculty, and staff.

Phasing In Uniforms Gently

- 2008-2009 will be a transition year in which students are allowed to wear clothes from the previous year’s code so that they have time to gradually acquire new uniforms. It is important to note that all clothing must conform to the new uniform modesty standards (skirt and culotte length, camisoles tucked in, etc...). Details are listed at the bottom of the following pages.
- The Dress Uniform will need to be purchased from *Hall Closet* and worn by all students, Preschool-12th Grade, on designated days.
- The secondary uniform will advance with the 2008-2009 10th grade class until it covers all secondary grades.
- A uniform scholarship has been established to help current Logos families with financial needs make the full transition in 2009-2010 (see administration for details).

LOGOS SECONDARY DRESS CODE (grades 11-12)

2008-2009

Young Men Pants: dress pants
 Shirts: button-down collar dress shirt or polo (conservative colors)
 Shoes: solid brown or black leather dress shoes with dress socks
 Ties: required Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (conservative)

Young Ladies Pants: dress pants
 Skirts/Dresses/Culottes: modest, professional, attractive
 Blouses: modest, professional, attractive
 Shoes: dark, solid-color, closed toe, dress shoes (2" heel or less, from front of heel)
 Socks/Tights/Nylons: conservative, coordinated with clothing

Fridays Dress Uniform: Young men wear khaki pants, white oxford, and Logos Secondary tie.
 Young ladies wear khaki skirt or culottes, white blouse, and navy sweater vest.

Clarifications: 1. Skirts, dresses, and culottes must be at least knee-length as measured by the line at the back of the knee.
2. Undergarments must not be visible, camisoles must be tucked in.
3. All pants must have a belt, and all oxfords, shirts w/ tails, and polos must be tucked in.
4. Sweaters are allowed and may be pull-over, cardigan or vest (hoods and zippers are excluded).
5. Exclusions: no...denim, skorts, leggings, shorts, hats, cargo pants, sweatshirts, distracting styles (e.g. dyed or unkempt hair, boys' earrings, no-show or wild socks, torn clothes, overdone or inappropriate makeup or jewelry, immodesty, long hair for boys, etc.).
6. Dress Uniforms must be purchased from *Hall Closet Uniforms*.

Frequently Asked Questions (or at least anticipated!)

General:

1. My daughter has a plaid that is very similar to 8b. Is it OK for her to wear that one to school?

For 2008-2009 students are allowed to wear clothing from the previous year every day except on Dress Uniform days. On Dress Uniform days all clothes must be from Hall Closet. However, starting August 2009, no other plaids are allowed.

2. How do I know how tight is too tight for my daughter's blouses, sweaters, and pants?

If it looks like she has been poured into them, then they are too tight. It is the duty of the girls, as Christian sisters, to dress modestly wherever they go. If the shirt is pulled tight against her front or back, it's too tight.

3. Is it true that the 11th and 12th graders have to wear the Dress Uniform on Fridays and other designated days?

Yes, it is.

4. Does the Dress Uniform have to be purchased at *Hall Closet Uniforms*?

All uniforms, including the Dress Uniform, have to be purchased from Hall Closet.

Tops:

1. Do the elementary girls have to tuck all shirts in, regardless of the cut?

Yes, they do. This will give them something to look forward to in the secondary.

2. Do the secondary girls have to tuck only oxfords and polos in?

Secondary girls must tuck both oxfords, polos, and any other shirt that has tails in. The camp shirt may be worn out.

3. My son wears his oxford and tie with the top button undone and the tie loose. Is that OK?

No, it isn't.

4. My daughter has a pretty camisole that she wears under her blouse for modesty purposes. Does it need to be tucked in?

Yes, it does. Camisoles are considered undergarments and they must be out of sight.

5. Do the secondary girls have to wear the vest on Dress Uniform days?

Yes, they do.

Bottoms:

1. My son's dress 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 and culottes?

It means that the garment must at least come to the line at the back of the young lady's knee while she is standing. If she wears it higher than this, it is a uniform violation regardless of how valiantly she pulls it down when she is caught.

3. My son wants to slit the bottom seams of his pants with a pocket knife. Is that OK?

No, it isn't.

4. My daughter has some black nylons with black dragons woven into them. Are these OK?

No, they are not. Socks and nylons must be conservative, plain, and solid colored. Stripes, diamonds, and dragons, even of the same color, are not allowed.

Accessories:

1. Are elementary students allowed to wear athletic shoes like last year?

During 2008-2009, yes, dress clothes that conform to last year's policy are acceptable. In 2009-2010, no, all shoes must be black or brown dress shoes. We are working to raise the tone of both the elementary and secondary.

2. How long must my son's hair be to qualify as long hair?

If a young man's hair is below the middle of his collar, hanging down in his face, or covering any part of his ears it will be considered too long.

3. What kind of jewelry is appropriate?

Small earrings on the lobe are fine. Ear wear that could double for a fishing lure should be saved for other occasions. Earrings up around the top of the ear or anywhere else are inappropriate.

4. When does my child have to wear a belt?

All pants and shorts must have a brown or black leather belt.

5. My son found a pair of Adidas shoes at Ross that come in dark brown. They are leather, but the styling is more athletic than dress. Do these count as dress shoes?

No, they don't.

6. My son says that dark no-show or low-cut socks qualify as dress socks. Is that true?

No, they don't.

7. My son has a great looking cartoon character tie that he'd like to wear in 7th grade, does that count as conservative?

No, it doesn't.

8. Is it OK for girls to wear colored hair accessories?

It is fine, but they must match the outfit that she has on and not be a distraction.

9. My son likes to wear a necklace to school. Is that OK?

As long as it is not visible, that is fine.

10. My son likes to wear orange t-shirts under his uniform shirt. Is that OK?

Although we are awfully fond of orange, t-shirts and camisoles must be white.