

# SCHOOL DRESS CODE & UNIFORM POLICY

Providence Academy is a *workplace* for students as well as for teachers. Students should dress in a way to demonstrate their respect for the school. Therefore, students shall dress neatly, be clean, and be modest.

1. Being overly concerned with clothing and outward appearances is contrary to God's will for us as revealed in Scripture (1 Sam. 16:7; Matt. 6:19-21; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17).
2. Pressures felt by children to compete in areas of dress are destructive to the unity of the school and the body of Christ.
3. Everything in our lives, including our clothing, should reflect the order of the Godhead and the order He has created in the world (1 Corinthians 14:40).
4. Clothing should be modest and not draw attention to the individual (1 Timothy 2:9-10) and should reflect differences in gender (Deuteronomy 22:5).
5. Our children are serving as witnesses and ambassadors both for the Lord Jesus Christ and the school. Student appearance is a reflection of both.

## School Dress Code & Uniform Guidelines

1. Be Respectful
  - a. All shirts tucked in.
  - b. No holes or tears in clothing.
  - c. Clothing appropriately sized for the wearer.
  - d. An overall neat appearance.
2. Be Modest
  - a. No tight tops.
  - b. No short shirts. Shirt may not reveal any midriff area when standing or sitting, or have a plunging neckline.
  - c. No short skirts, dresses, or jumpers.
3. Be Professional and Beautiful
  - a. Outlandish or distracting clothing or appearance will not be allowed.
  - b. Wear attractive clothing. Consider the interests of those who have to look at you during the day, not just your own desires about what you want to wear.
4. Be Diligent
  - a. Dress as if you are coming to work, prepared to do the work of a student.
  - b. Be consistent in presenting yourself well each day at school.
5. Be Clean
  - a. Recently washed.
  - b. Hair combed neatly.

## School Dress Code & Uniform Clarifications

1. Clothing must be solid colors; this excludes stripes, flowers, decorative patches, off-color collars, etc., unless otherwise specified in the dress code (e.g. specific plaid skirt in the Logic & Rhetoric School dress uniforms).
2. Providence Academy insignia is welcome on all tops, jumpers, and dresses. Insignia must be located in the left chest area and be the appropriate size per specifications at approved retailers Lands' End, Team Apparel, and Towsley's. At the Grammar School, the Providence Academy name, vertical crest logo, or Paladin are acceptable. At the Logic & Rhetoric School, the specific vertical crest logo as seen on Lands' End uniform ordering is the only acceptable logo.
3. All skirts, jumpers, dresses, and shorts must not be shorter than the student's hand width (measured across the palm), above the knee at the Grammar School. Jumpers must have a dress code polo shirt or collared blouse underneath. At the Logic & Rhetoric School, skirts must either be hitting the top of the knee or below the knee and shorts must be no higher than two inches above the knee.
4. All pants, shorts, and skirts with belt loops must be worn with a belt.
5. All pants, shorts, and skirts must fit at natural waist line.
6. Cargo pants/shorts, denim, knit pants (i.e. sweatpant material) and leggings are NOT part of the dress code regardless of color; however, leggings may be worn if they are underneath a skirt, jumper, or dress.
7. Dress shorts may only be worn from April 1<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in and buttoned modestly by both girls and boys. One exception is at the Logic & Rhetoric School, the girls' oxford dress shirts are tailored such that they are not required to be tucked in.
9. Sweaters, vests, fleeces, or sweatshirts do not have to be tucked in; however, they must be clearly recognizable as a sweater, vest, fleece, or sweatshirt, must be hoodless (according to dress code at each school), and used as a second layer only. A collared shirt must be worn under all V-neck sweaters.
10. Students may NOT wear outside coats to class unless we are unable to adequately heat the classrooms. If a student is cold, long-sleeved shirts or tops, sweaters, fleeces, or sweatshirts should be utilized (according to dress code at each school).
11. No body piercings or tattoos are allowed.
12. Jewelry Specifications: Girls may wear up to two earrings per ear; boys may not wear earrings. Boys and girls may wear up to one ring per hand.
13. All shoes must be worn the way they were designed (e.g. shoelaces laced all the way up and tied, and/or Velcro straps in place).
14. Hair must be a modest cut and style. Boys must have a clean-shaven face.

## Grammar School Dress Code

In the Grammar School, grades K – 6 have a standard dress code, meaning that students have specific clothing types and colors that they must wear; however, these clothing items can be purchased from any retail store. In Preschool and Jr. Kindergarten, students may abide by the Grammar School Dress Code, but are not obligated to do so. Otherwise, neat, clean, and modest clothing are acceptable.

Lands' End has Providence Academy's Dress Code on file; however, at the Grammar School level, it is not required that you purchase dress code clothing from Lands' End. To purchase online, go to [landsend.com/school](http://landsend.com/school) and create or sign in to your account. Include your student and school information in My Account (or find our School using the Preferred School Number Search: 900053083). Start shopping with your personalized product checklist. *It is important if you purchase online from Lands' End to create an account, as Providence receives a percentage back on all purchases made by Providence families. Additionally, by creating an account, you have access to obtaining our school logo on approved clothing items.* To purchase by phone, call 800-469-2222 and reference your student's Preferred School Number 900053083, grade level, and gender.

## Grammar School Dress Code Outline

TOPS		
Top Type	Length Options	Color Options
Polo	Short or long sleeve	Purple*, navy, light blue, white
Collared Shirts/Blouses	Short or long sleeve	Purple*, navy, light blue, white
Sweaters, Cardigans	Long sleeve or vests	Navy
Fleeces, Sweatshirts	Long sleeve or vests	Navy
Turtlenecks	Short or long sleeve	Purple*, navy, light blue, white

**NOTE\*:** Purple color needs to be "Providence" purple, meaning the purple in our school logo, which is a dark purple. See Lands' End dress code site for Providence for examples.

<b>BOTTOMS</b>	
<b>Bottom Type</b>	<b>Color Options</b>
Plain Front, Pleated, or Elastic Waist Dress Pants	Navy, khaki
Capri Pants (girls)	Navy, khaki
Plain Front, Pleated, or Elastic Waist Shorts	Navy, khaki
Skirts, Jumpers, Dresses (girls)	Purple*, navy, khaki

**NOTE:** All pants, shorts, and skirts with belt loops must be worn with a brown, tan or navy belt.

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<b>SHOES &amp; SOCKS</b>	
<b>Shoe/Sock Type</b>	<b>Color Options</b>
Dress Shoes*	Brown, tan
Tennis Shoes**	Any style/color tennis shoe
Socks**	Preferred navy, khaki, or white

**NOTE\*:** Students in grades 5 and 6 are required to wear dress shoes during the school day; a boat style dress shoe is also allowed. Exceptions are at recess or physical education class, they are to wear any style or color of tennis shoe, provided they are not distracting (i.e. no lighting or noises).

**NOTE\*:** No boots, sandals, or open toe shoes allowed. Dress shoes must be flats or have no larger than a one inch heel.

**NOTE\*\*:** Students in grades K – 4 can wear any style and color of tennis shoe, provided they are not distracting (i.e. no lighting or noises). Socks for all grades have a preferred color, but the school will not adhere to strict guidelines regarding sock color, provided they are a solid color and not distracting.

<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS (Grades 4 – 6 Only; Grades K – 3, NO changing for PE)</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Logo Required?</b>	<b>Color Options</b>
Crew Neck Plain T-shirt	NO	Gray
Athletic Shorts/Pants	NO	Classic Navy, Black
Athletic Capris (girls)	NO	Classic Navy, Black
Tennis Shoes	NO	Any style/color tennis shoe

**SHIRT NOTE:** No form fitting shirts are allowed.

**SHORTS/PANTS/CAPRIS NOTE:** No form fitting shorts, pants, or capris are allowed. Shorts must not be shorter than the student’s hand width (measured across the palm) above the knee. Students may wear athletic shorts over navy, black, or gray leggings. Athletic pants must be wind pants or sweat pants.

## Logic & Rhetoric School Uniforms

In the Logic & Rhetoric School, students in all grades are required to purchase school uniform clothing from Lands' End only. The change from a dress code in the Grammar School to a school uniform in the Logic & Rhetoric School is purposeful. It gives the Logic & Rhetoric School a more polished, mature, academic feel which is conducive to learning and promoting the high academic standards Providence is known for. And, of course, uniforms overall limit classroom distractions and reduce potential student conflict.

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## Logic & Rhetoric School Uniform Outline

LANDS' END TOPS		
Top Type	Logo Required?	Color Options
Polo (L/S)	YES	White, Classic Navy
Oxford* (L/S)	NO	White
Cardigan Sweater	YES	Classic Navy
V-neck Sweater#	YES	Classic Navy
V-neck Vest#	YES	Classic Navy
Sport Coat (boys)#	NO	Classic Navy
Tie* (boys)	NO	Dark Purple/Gold Stripe (order through Providence)

\*Denotes REQUIREMENT on Chapel days. # Denotes OPTIONAL on Chapel days.

"L/S" means long or short sleeve allowed.

**NOTE:** For girls, cami undergarments MUST be worn under ALL shirts.

<b>LANDS' END BOTTOMS</b>		
<b>Bottom Type</b>	<b>Logo Required?</b>	<b>Color Options</b>
Dress Pants* (* boys on chapel days)	NO	Khaki, Classic Navy
Dress Shorts	NO	Khaki, Classic Navy
Skirt* (girls) (* girls on chapel days)	NO	Khaki*, Classic Navy*, Classic Navy Plaid
Leggings/Nylons (girls)	NO	Classic Navy, White (leggings)

\*Denotes REQUIREMENT on Chapel days. # Denotes OPTIONAL on Chapel days.

**NOTE:** Leggings/nylons are only allowed to be worn under skirts or dress pants. They are not allowed to be worn alone.

<b>HOUSE DRESS UNIFORM ACCESSORY</b>		
<b>Accessory</b>	<b>Logo Required?</b>	<b>Color Options</b>
Cross Tie (girls)	NO	Dependent upon House Color Scheme
Tie (boys)	NO	Dependent upon House Color Scheme

**NOTE:** Worn on special 'House Days' only. Order through Providence.

<b>SHOES/SOCKS/BELTS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Logo Required?</b>	<b>Color Options</b>
Dress Shoe (boys)	NO	Brown
Flat Dress Shoe (girls)	NO	Brown
Socks (boys)*	NO	Navy or Brown
Socks (girls)*	NO	White Socks, 'Nude' Colored Nylons/Knee Highs, White or Classic Navy Knee High Socks
Belt	NO	Dark Brown

**SHOES NOTE:** There is not a specific brand of dress shoe that boys and girls must wear with their uniforms. They just need to be a slip-on or tie style dress shoe in any shade of brown. Contact the school for suggestions.

**SOCKS NOTE:** Socks and nylons do not have to be Lands' End brand. Students are only required to wear the sock color options on Chapel days. All other days, they may wear any style and solid color sock, provided they are not distracting (i.e. no lighting or extremely bright/distracting colors or patterns).

**BELT NOTE:** Belts do not have to be Lands' End brand. Adhere to color specifications.

<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Logo Required?</b>	<b>Color Options</b>
Crew Neck Plain T-shirt	NO	Gray
Athletic Shorts/Pants	NO	Classic Navy, Black
Athletic Capris (girls)	NO	Classic Navy, Black
Tennis Shoes	NO	Any style/color tennis shoe

**SHIRT NOTE:** No form fitting shirts are allowed. Shirts do not have to be Lands' End brand.

**SHORTS/PANTS/CAPRIS NOTE:** No form fitting shorts, pants, or capris are allowed. Shorts must go no higher than two inches above the knee. Students may wear athletic shorts over navy, black, or gray leggings. Athletic pants must be wind pants or sweat pants. Shorts/pants/capris do not have to be Lands' End brand.

**SHOE NOTE:** Students can choose any athletic style tennis shoe. There are no color or style limitations.

## **School Dress Code & Uniform Enforcement**

The school faculty, Principal, and Headmaster will enforce the *School Dress Code & Uniform Policy*. Interpretation and application of the policy standards will be the responsibility of the Headmaster.

If the Headmaster deems the infraction a “sin of ignorance” or a “sin of forgetfulness,” he will take note of the incident and ask the student not to wear the offending item or forget the required item again. In addition, beginning in 3rd grade, forgetting a required dress code item will result in a loss of recess for the Grammar School student and loss of House Points for the Logic & Rhetoric School student.

If the Headmaster deems the infraction a “sin of rebellion,” an incident of disobedience will be recorded and handled by the terms of the Discipline Policy. Furthermore, beginning in 3rd grade, a student will receive an office visit after three dress code violations.