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Student Uniform Policy

This policy was modified and approved by the American Academy Board of Directors on April 26, 2021.

Purpose

The academic environment is significantly influenced by students' attire. The purpose of the uniform policy for Kindergarten through eighth grade (K-8) is to promote learning, encourage modesty, reduce the distraction and cost of fashion, reduce disruptions and disciplinary problems, and promote school pride. Enrollment in K-8 at American Academy constitutes acceptance of this policy, agreement to adhere to it, and acknowledgment of discipline for noncompliance as set forth in the [American Academy Student Discipline Policy](#).

American Academy Student Uniform

Uniforms for all American Academy K-8 students are mandatory. Uniforms must be from **Dennis Uniform**. Uniforms must be worn during school hours, except under special circumstances such as Dress of Choice days or other occasions designated by the administration. **All uniform tops (including sweaters, vests, sweatshirts and jackets) must have the school logo.** Only approved, logo'd uniform shirts may be worn under jumpers, sweaters, vests, sweatshirts and jackets. **All skorts and shorts must be fingertip length or longer.**

Approved K-8 Dennis Uniform Items

GIRLS

- Marymount plaid jumper (shift style)
- Marymount plaid skort
- Irvington flat-front pants in navy
- Stretch twill flat-front pants in navy
- Irvington flat-front walking shorts in navy
- Stretch twill flat-front walking shorts in navy
- Short- or long-sleeve oxford in white with logo
- Peter Pan collar short- or long-sleeve blouse in white with logo
- Short- or long-sleeve polo in navy, red, or white with logo
- V-neck neck cardigan in navy or red with logo
- V-neck pullover sweater or v-neck sweater vest in navy or red with logo
- Navy zipped hooded sweater with logo
- Hooded or full-zip sweatshirt in red or navy with logo
- Letter sweater (button-up front) in navy

GIRLS: additional options for grades 6-8

- Anchor skort in khaki or navy
- Marymount plaid skort
- Irvington flat-front pants in khaki and navy
- Stretch twill flat-front pants in khaki and navy
- Irvington flat-front walking shorts in khaki and navy
- Stretch twill flat-front walking shorts in khaki and navy
- Short- or long-sleeve Taylor blouse in white with logo

BOYS

- Hawthorne pleated-front or Irvington flat front pants in navy
- Hawthorne pleated-front or Irvington flat front walking, or cargo shorts in navy
- Short- or long-sleeve polo in navy, red, or white with logo
- Short- or long-sleeve oxford in white or light blue with logo
- V-neck cardigan in navy or red with logo
- V-neck pullover sweater or v-neck sweater vest in navy or red with logo
- Hooded or full-zip sweatshirt in red or navy with logo
- Ties (red and navy stripe from Dennis only)

BOYS: additional options for grades 6-8

- Hawthorne pleated-front or Irvington flat-front pants in navy or khaki
- Hawthorne pleated-front, Irvington flat-front walking, or cargo shorts in navy or khaki

KindiePrep Dress Code

KindiePrep students may wear (but are not required to wear) any of the above American Academy uniform items from Dennis Uniform. However, KindiePrep students not wearing American Academy uniform items must instead follow the dress code set forth in the [KindiePrep Handbook](#).

Uniform Items Selected by Student

Socks, Tights and Leggings

Socks must be worn at all times. Permitted socks for students are matching solid-colored navy, red, white, gray, or black. Socks with the Marymount plaid trim from Dennis Uniform are also permitted. Students may also wear tights or leggings in solid navy, black, gray, red or white.

Belts

A belt is recommended for pants and shorts. Belts must be solid black, brown, or blue and have modestly sized buckles.

Hair Accessories

Hair accessories should reasonably coordinate with the student uniform.. Semi-permanent hair accessories such as feathers, tinsel, hair extensions, etc., are not allowed.

Shoes

Shoes must be worn at all times in the styles and colors defined below. At no time shall open-toed or open-heeled shoes be worn. Sandals, flip-flops, or rubber shoes (such as Crocs) of any brand are not allowed. Shoes offered by Dennis Uniform are suggested as a guideline.

- **Casual and Dress Shoes**

Casual and dress shoes should be solid black, solid brown or solid navy in color, made of leather or suede (or leather-like or suede-like material), and no more than one inch in height at the heel. They must also be free of characters, beads, bangles and glitter. Casual and dress shoes must not extend higher than the ankle.

- **Athletic Shoes**

All athletic shoes must have non-marking soles, be in good repair, and not extend higher than traditional high-top shoes. They must be free of characters, beads, bangles and glitter. Brand-specific artwork such as the Adidas stripes and the Nike swoosh are acceptable. Shoes with wheels in the bottoms or blinking lights are not permitted. Approved athletic shoes must be worn on PE days. Students who are unable to tie their shoes are required to wear no-tie athletic shoes.

- **Boots**

- Boots of any style above the ankle are not allowed with the exception of snow boots for recess and travel to and from school in inclement weather. Snow boots must be removed in designated areas within the school building and replaced with shoes.

Outerwear Coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, sweatshirts, etc. are allowed outside the school building. All outerwear needs to be removed once inside the building. Colorado weather can change suddenly and parents are responsible for making sure their students are prepared for changing temperatures.

Optional Personalization of the Uniform

Personalization using last names only will be authorized, at parent expense, on hooded sweatshirts only and may only be done by Dennis Uniform to ensure consistency in appearance (font style, size, color, placement, etc.). Any item that is personalized without school approval, or by a vendor other than the one preferred by the school, will be considered in violation of this policy and will not be allowed at school.

General Uniform Guidelines

Uniforms shall be clean, shall fit properly and be in good condition. Items worn inside the classroom must be approved uniform items. Only plain white undershirts or Dennis Uniform mock turtleneck shirts may be worn under uniform shirts for warmth. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Student Grooming

Hair

American Academy respects the individuality of students. Hair must be appropriate for a school environment. Hair should be neat, clean, and have a combed appearance. Facial hair and sideburns are not allowed. Unusual (hot pink, lime green, purple, etc.) hair coloring is not allowed. Shaved patterns/words/images are not allowed.

Hats

Hats, bandanas or handkerchiefs are not permitted..

Jewelry

Jewelry items should be modest in size and appearance and must be appropriate for an educational environment.

Makeup

Lightly-applied mascara (brown or black), blush (pale neutral or pale pink), and lip gloss (clear or pale pink) may be worn in Middle School.

Tattoos

Visible tattoos, temporary or otherwise, are not allowed.

Dress-of-Choice Day

At the discretion of the administration, a Dress of Choice day may be occasionally allowed. Clothes worn by all students during Dress of Choice days shall be modest, appropriate, in good condition, and neat in appearance. All clothing should be free of holes or tears, even if by design. Students are not allowed to wear costumes or pajamas, unless communicated and allowed by administration. Clothing that contains wording or images that could be interpreted as vulgar or offensive in any way. Tops must be modest in style, have a shallow neckline, and enough length to completely cover the stomach (i.e., spaghetti strap tank tops, sleeveless shirts, cropped t-shirts, and deep v-neck t-shirts are not acceptable). Bottoms must also be modest in style; skirt, skorts, and shorts must be fingertip length or longer; leggings must be worn with a top or dress that is fingertip length or longer. For safety reasons, sandals, flip-flops, rubber shoes (such as Crocs), and open-toed shoes are not acceptable footwear on any day.

All regular student grooming policies regarding hair, hats, jewelry, make-up and nail polish and body art also apply on Dress of Choice Days.

Dress of Choice days are optional; students not wishing to participate in a Dress of Choice Day may wear a regular uniform instead. Students not adhering to Dress of Choice guidelines will face the consequences described in the American Academy Consequence Matrix.

Spirit Day

At the discretion of the administration, American Academy Spirit Days may be occasionally allowed. The purpose of Spirit Days is to promote school pride. On Spirit Days, students may wear any school-appropriate American Academy spirit top from any American Academy club, sport or activity such as Field Day, a STEM trip, a musical or play, etc. These spirit tops must be worn with a regular uniform bottom (skorts, pants, shorts, etc.).

American Academy Spirit Days are optional; students not wishing to participate in a spirit day may wear a regular uniform instead. Students not adhering to Spirit Day guidelines will face the consequences described in the American Academy Consequence Matrix.

Exceptions

Temporary exceptions to the clothing requirements of this policy may be granted by the administration for hardship, as an individual reward, or as part of a non-regular school spirit day. Upon request, reasonable accommodations to the uniform may be made by the administration for students with disabilities, allergies, or religious beliefs, etc., which conflict with the policy.

The administration may ban items from the school uniform as circumstances arise.

Organizational uniforms such as Cub Scout, Brownie, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout uniforms may be worn on meeting days so long as any article of clothing not a part of the organization uniform is a part of the American Academy student uniform (e.g. Cub Scout shirts may be worn with uniform pants).

Violations

Students in violation of this uniform policy will face the consequences described in the American Academy Consequence Matrix.

POLICY HISTORY

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SUMMARY OF REVISION 1

Policy cleaned up and compacted

SUMMARY OF REVISION 2

Addition allowing indistinguishable articles from non-approved vendors

SUMMARY OF REVISION 3

Reduction to one vendor due to parent and staff feedback

SUMMARY OF REVISION 4

Minor clarifications to revision 3

SUMMARY OF REVISION 5

Addition of hooded and ¼ zip sweatshirt options and clarifications on shoes

SUMMARY OF REVISION 6

Clarifications on shoes and socks; addition of stretch twill pants and middle school girls' skort and blouse.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 7

Minor clarifications; addition of gray as an acceptable logo color.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 8

Reference to Dean of Students.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 9

Shoe rules clarified; Dress of Choice rules clarified.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 10

Rules for accessories clarified; Shoe rules clarified.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 11

White leggings added for middle school.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 12

Addition of personalization option.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 13

Change in middle school khaki option and addition of ties and letter sweater.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 14

Eased up on requirements for socks and shoes.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 15

Inclusion of KindiePrep.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 16

Dress of Choice clarification.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 17

Skirt/skort/short length and grooming clarifications.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 18

Clarification reflecting that KindiePrep students do get into kindergarten.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 19

Eliminated skirts and approved black leggings and black tights for girls and added Spirit Wear; clarified Spirit Day.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 20

Addition of gray socks and leggings.

SUMMARY OF REVISION 21

DOC Day changes.

