



2023-2024 Providence Academy Uniform Dress Code: General Information

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:

- Uniform articles and dress code varies among the Divisions. Please read the information for your child's Division.
- 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.

Purchasing Uniforms:

All uniform pants must be purchased from one of our uniform vendors: Donald's, Educational Outfitters or Land's End School. Please note carefully where each piece of uniform clothing may be purchased and that clothing item is part of the school uniform line to ensure consistency in style and color. Please note that the insignia is required on all sweaters, sweatshirts, and uniform athletic apparel, yet not allowed on other pieces for uniform consistency.

Donald's is located at 972 Payne Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55101, with a second location at 6407 City West Pkwy Eden Prairie, MN 55344-7845. Families may shop in either store or order online (www.donaldsuniform.com) or by phone (651-776-2723). Donald's typically serves as co-host with the Providence Academy Parent Association (PAPA) of our annual August new and used uniform sale. Donald's donates 3% of all sales back to PA.

Educational Outfitters is located at 6002 Excelsior Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Families may shop in the store or order online (www.minnesota.educationaloutfitters.com - school code MN0408) or by phone ((952) 927-6778). Educational Outfitters also serves as co-host with the Providence Academy Parent Association (PAPA) of our annual August new and used uniform sale. Educational Outfitters donates 3% of all sales back to PA.

Land's End items may be purchased online (www.landsend.com/school), by catalog, or by phone (1-800-469-2222). Land's End will embroider the Providence Academy Insignia (#0128155K) on items requiring the logo for an additional cost. Land's End will donate 3% back to PA (please use our school number, 9000-6480-9, when ordering).

Physical education uniforms are required for all students in 6th through 12th grade physical education classes. Physical education uniforms are available for purchase at the Academy during the Uniform Sale in August and through the Spirit Store, as needed.

Please check all uniform pieces as some are only available from a particular vendor listed above.



2022-2023 Lower School Uniform Dress Code

Please read Providence Academy Uniform Dress Code General Information.

In keeping with the spirit of the uniform policy, cartoons, photographs, and other images are not permitted on clothing, backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, etc. In addition, slogans, signs, or symbols from popular culture (e.g. prominently displayed brand names) are not allowed.

Dress-Up Attire

Occasionally a school event such as a school concert will require dress-up attire. Specific clothing requirements may be sent home to parents in advance of such occasions. In general, appropriate dress for boys includes dress shirt, dress pants, non-white socks, and appropriate shoes. For girls, appropriate dress includes a dress, skirt or dress pants with a blouse, and appropriate dress shoes. Modest hemlines (to the knee or longer) are required on dresses. Dress tops or blouses should cover the shoulder (no thin or spaghetti straps).

Special Days

On occasions where non-uniform attire may be worn, the recommended attire will be announced in advance of those events.

Hair

All students: Hair is required to be neat, washed, combed, and in proportion with the expectations noted below. Hair should also be a natural color. The style should not draw undue attention to the student.

Girls: Any girls' hairstyles or accessories that draw undue attention to a student are not permitted. Hairclips or headbands should be 2" or less in width, including any attached flowers or adornments. No additional hair accessories, such as scarves or beads should be worn.

Boys: Boys are required to have short, well-groomed hair. Hair should be cut to above the ears on the side and above the collar from the back (including tails). Sideburns may be no longer than mid-ear. In addition, at least half the forehead should be showing.

Hats

Students are not allowed to wear hats of any kind during the school day.

Jewelry

All students: No body or facial piercing jewelry is allowed. No tattoos should be visible. No ankle bracelets are allowed.

Girls: Post or hoop earrings should be a maximum of one inch in length and one inch in diameter. No dangling type earrings are allowed. Girls are allowed to wear one bracelet on each arm. Necklace: A simple and modest in size charm, cross, or religious medal may be worn on a chain. Elaborate jewelry of any type may not be worn.

Boys: Boys may not wear earrings, visible or otherwise detectable necklaces or bracelets (excluding one watch or stretch-type sports band with no pop culture slogan or logo.)

Makeup

Makeup is not allowed in grades Pre-K-5th grade.

Providence Academy Uniform: Lower School Boys

REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Pants	Navy Blue Chino or Twill Pants, flat front or pleated styles	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Performance Interlock/Mesh Polo (Short or Long Sleeve) Maize Performance Interlock or Mesh Polo (Short or Long Sleeve - Land's End Only) (There is no PA insignia placed on polo shirts.)	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Socks	Navy Blue Crew style Socks	Any retailer
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather (including suede) Plain style: No patterns, multi colors, or prominent logos Navy or Black lace-up, loafer, or boat shoes with closed toe and full backs Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, or white Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or black or white Moccasin-style or slipper-style shoes are not permitted Pre-K may wear plain* athletic shoes at all times. K-5th graders may wear plain* athletic shoes for PE class only *no logo, cartoon character, pop culture, lights, or wheels	Any retailer
Gym Uniform	Students in sixth grade and higher must purchase a gym uniform K-5th graders may wear plain* athletic shoes for PE class only	

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Sweatshirts	Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt with Providence Insignia (All sweatshirts must have PA Insignia)	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy V-neck pullover (Donald's or Educational Outfitters) Classic Navy Drifter V-Neck Cotton Sweater (Land's End) (All sweaters must have Providence Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved blouse in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maize Drifter V-Neck Sweater Vest 	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia) Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Belt	All Navy Blue, Brown or Black dress leather. Plain buckle.	Any retailer

Providence Academy Uniform: Lower School Girls

REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Jumper	Black Watch Plaid #77 Drop Waist Jumper Polyester/Cotton Blend (Skirt must be hemmed to the mid-knee or longer to allow for growth)	Donald's Educational Outfitters
Blouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Pan White Blouse, poly/cotton blend material (Round Collar, Short or Long Sleeve, no ruffles). Must be the uniform blouse purchased from approved retailers only. See column to the right. 	Donald's Educational Outfitters
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Anklets (must fully cover ankle) White or Navy Knee-highs or Tights 	Any retailer
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All leather (including suede) Plain style: No patterns, multi colors, or prominent logos Navy or Black Shoes must have a flat heel. Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, or white Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or black or white Moccasin-style or slipper-style shoes are not permitted Mary-Jane style shoes preferred as they remain on the foot when running. Lace-up, loafer, or boat shoes with closed toe and full backs are permitted. <p>Pre-K may wear plain* athletic shoes at all times. K-5th graders may wear plain* athletic shoes for PE class only *no logo, cartoon character, pop culture, lights, or wheels</p>	Any retailer
Gym Uniform	Students in sixth grade and higher must purchase a gym uniform. K-5th graders may wear plain* athletic shoes for PE class only	

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic Navy Zip-front (no hood) Cardigan Sweater (Land's End) Maize or Classic Navy Plain Front Fine Gauge Cardigan (Land's End) Navy Crew Neck Cardigan (Donald's and Educational Outfitters) <p>(All sweaters must have PA Insignia)</p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Sweatshirt	Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt (All sweatshirts must have PA Insignia)	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Shirt	A plain, white cami/tank may be worn under the uniform shirt (with pant option)	Any retailer
Pants	Navy Blue Chino or Twill Pants, flat front or pleated styles (no low-rise, contoured waist, flares or boot cut). Must be the uniform pants purchased from approved retailers only. See column to the right. Note: pant option only available between Nov. 1 - Apr. 1	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Shorts	Navy blue biker shorts may be worn under the uniform jumper (shorts must not be visible below the hemline of the skirt)	Any retailer
Belt	Solid Navy Blue, Brown or Black dress leather (with pant option; not woven or decorative)	Any retailer



2022-2023 Middle School Uniform Dress Code

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Dress-Up Attire

Occasionally a school event will require dress-up attire. On these days, appropriate dress for boys includes sport coat, tie, sweater, dress shirt, dress pants, and shoes. For girls, appropriate dress includes a dress with sleeves, 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 parties, 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 clean, neat, and modest. Hair should be a natural hair color and not draw undue attention to the student.

Girls: Girls may wear modest hairstyles and hair accessories.

Boys: Boys are required to have short, well-groomed hair. Hair should be cut to above the ears on the side and above the collar from the back (including tails). 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

Students are not allowed to wear hats 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.



Providence Academy Uniform: Middle School Boys

REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Pants	Navy Blue Chino or Twill Pants, flat front or pleated styles	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Shirts	Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve)	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Navy Blue or Black (no logos) • Crew style 	Any retailer
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leather (including suede) material • Plain style: No patterns, multi colors, or prominent logos • Navy or Black lace-up, loafer, or boat shoes with closed toe and full backs • Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, gray, white, gold, or silver • Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or white • Moccasin-style or slipper-style or boot-style shoes are not permitted <p>(Athletic shoes may be worn for physical education classes only)</p>	Any retailer
Belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain leather • Brown, Black, or Navy Blue • Plain buckle 	Any retailer
Gym Uniform	Please see gym uniform specification sheet	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices

OPTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy V-neck pullover (Donald's or Educational Outfitters) • Classic Navy Drifter V-Neck Cotton Sweater (Land's End) <p>(All sweaters must have Providence Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved blouse in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.</p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Sweatshirts	<p>Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt (Sweatshirts must have PA Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved blouse in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.</p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Shirt	Plain White Crew T-shirt may be worn under the uniform Oxford shirt	Any retailer
Tie	Gold and Navy striped necktie may be worn with the Oxford shirt	Donald's



Providence Academy Uniform: Middle School Girls

REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Skirt	Black Watch Plaid #77 Pleated Skirt Polyester/Cotton Blend (Skirt must be hemmed to mid-knee or longer)	Donald's (long length available) Educational Outfitters
Blouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve) Navy Banded Polo Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve) 	Donald's Educational Outfitters
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White or Navy Blue Non-Athletic Knee Socks or Tights Plain style: No patterns, multi-colors or prominent logos 	Any retailer
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather (including patent and suede) material Plain style: No patterns, multi-colors or prominent logos Navy or Black lace-up, loafer, or boat shoes with closed toe and full backs Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, gray, white, gold, or silver Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or white Heels must not exceed 1" Moccasin-style or slipper-style shoes are not permitted (Athletic shoes may be worn for physical education classes only)	Any retailer
Gym Uniform	Please see gym uniform specification sheet	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices

OPTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy V-neck pullover (Donald's or Educational Outfitters) Classic Navy Drifter V-Neck (Land's End) Maize or Classic Navy Plain Front Fine Gauge Cardigan (Land's End) Navy Crew Neck Cardigan (Donald's and Educational Outfitters) (All sweaters must have PA Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved blouse in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Pants	Navy Blue Chino or Twill Pants, flat front or pleated styles (No Low Rise, Contoured Waist, Flares or Boot Cut) Note: pant option only available between November 1 and April 1	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Sweatshirts	Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt (Sweatshirts must have PA Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved blouse in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Shorts	Navy blue biker shorts may be worn under the uniform skirt (shorts must not be visible below the hemline of the skirt)	Any retailer
Belt	Solid Navy Blue, Brown or Black dress leather (with pants; not woven or decorative)	Any retailer
Shirt	A plain, white cami/tank may be worn under the uniform shirt	Any retailer



Providence Academy Uniform: Middle School Phy. Ed.

REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Shorts	Dri Fit Short with Crest Screen printed on leg	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices
T-Shirts	Dri Fit t-shirt with Providence Academy Logo	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices
Socks	Uniform Socks or White Sport Socks	Any retailer
Shoes	Non-marking Athletic Shoes	Any retailer



2022-2023 Upper School Uniform Dress Code

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Dress-Up Attire

Occasionally a school event will require dress-up attire. On these days, appropriate dress for boys includes 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 to above the ears on the side and above the collar from the back (including tails). 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.



Providence Academy Uniform: Upper School Boys

REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Pants	Dark Khaki Chino or Twill Pants, flat front and pleated styles	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve) Classic Navy or White Mesh Performance Interlock Polo Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve) 	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tan Crew style (no logos) 	Any retailer
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather (including suede) material Plain style: No patterns, multi-colors, or prominent logos Navy, Black, or Brown Lace-up, loafer, or boat shoe with closed toe and full backs Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, gray, white, gold, or silver Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or white Moccasin-style or slipper-style shoes or boots are not permitted (Athletic shoes may be worn for physical education classes only)	Any retailer
Belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain leather Solid Brown, Black or Navy Blue Plain buckle 	Any retailer
Gym Uniform	Please see gym uniform specification sheet	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices

OPTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy V-neck pullover (Donald's or Educational Outfitters) Classic Navy Drifter V-Neck (Land's End) (All sweaters must have PA Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Sweatshirts	Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt (Sweatshirts must have PA Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved shirt in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Shirt	Plain White Crew T-shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt.	Any retailer
Tie	Gold and Navy striped necktie or bow tie may be worn with Oxford shirt	Donald's

Providence Academy Uniform: Upper School Girls

REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Skirt	Navy Blue Pleated Skirt (Polyester/Wool Blend - skirt must be hemmed to mid-knee or longer)	Donald's (long length available) Educational Outfitters
Blouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light Blue or White Oxford Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve) Classic Navy or White Mesh or Performance Interlock Polo Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve), Straight or Banded Bottom 	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End
Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White or Navy Blue Non-Athletic Knee Socks Navy, White, or Skin-tone Tights Plain style: No patterns, multi-colors, or prominent logos 	Any retailer
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather (including patent and suede) material Plain style: No patterns, multi-colors, or prominent logos Navy, Black, or Brown Lace-up, loafer, or boat shoe with closed toe and full backs Shoelaces must be navy, black, brown, gray, white, gold, or silver Shoe sole should be the same color as the shoe or white Moccasin or slipper-style shoes, boots or booties are not permitted Heels may not exceed 2" <p>(Athletic shoes may be worn for physical education classes only)</p>	Any retailer
Gym Uniform	Please see gym uniform specification sheet	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices

OPTIONAL ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Sweaters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy V-neck pullover (Donald's or Educational Outfitters) Classic Navy Drifter V-Neck (Land's End) Maize or Classic Navy Plain Front Fine Gauge Cardigan (Land's End) Navy Crew Neck Cardigan (Donald's and Educational Outfitters) <p>(All sweaters must have Providence Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved blouse in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.</p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Sweatshirts	<p>Classic Navy Crew Sweatshirt (Sweatshirts must have PA Insignia) *Students must wear a uniform dress code-approved blouse in addition if choosing to wear an optional sweater or sweatshirt.</p>	Donald's Educational Outfitters Land's End (must request PA Insignia)
Pants	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. <i>Note: Pants option only available between November 1 - April 1.</i>	Land's End
Shorts	Navy blue biker shorts may be worn under the uniform skirt (shorts must not be visible below the hemline of the skirt)	Any retailer



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REQUIRED ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASE FROM
Shorts	Dri Fit Short with Crest Screen printed on leg	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices
T-Shirts	Dri Fit T-shirt with Providence Academy Logo	Uniform sale in August/order forms available in school offices
Socks	Uniform Socks or White Sport Socks	Any retailer
Shoes	Non-marking Athletic Shoes	Any retailer