

Classical Preparatory Early Academy Uniform Policy

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Uniforms are mandatory for all Early Academy students at Classical Preparatory School. Merriam-Webster defines the word uniform as “dress of a distinctive design or fashion worn by members of a particular group and serving as a means of identification” and as such, serves to bring our students together into one community of learners, irrespective of our diverse backgrounds. The uniform also signifies to the larger community our common purpose and identity as a school in pursuit of the true, the good, and the beautiful. Finally, the uniform frees our students to pursue their intellectual and moral development without the distractions of fad and fashion. True individuality is formed in the heart and the mind, not in appearances.

The learning environment is significantly influenced by students’ attire. Wearing uniforms is intended to improve discipline and enhance the overall learning environment at Classical Preparatory School by fostering a distinct and positive Classical Prep appearance, helping students focus on learning, reducing distractions, and increasing wardrobe equality. The uniform was designed to have a “professional,” business like standard.

Items that noticeably differ from the approved uniform will not be allowed. The Board delegates to the administration and staff and reserves the right, at its discretion, to deny any item that is noticeably different in style, color, or fabric. Students wearing noticeably different items will be subject to the consequences outlined below. Items not covered below, but that are considered inappropriate, dangerous, or a distraction from the learning environment are subject to review and prohibition by the administration.

Students must stay in uniform whenever they are on campus (including the parking lot) during a school day. This means arriving on campus fully in uniform and leaving campus fully in uniform (correct shoes, shirts tucked in, etc.). Students may only change out of uniform after school with teacher/coach permission to participate in an approved curricular or extracurricular activity that requires an immediate change in dress.

UNIFORM LINKS

Please use the following links to ensure the correct style is purchased.

- French Toast: <https://www.frenchtoastschoolbox.com> (School code = QS5ZRJT)

USE OF SCHOOL LOGO

Classical Preparatory School’s logo and mascot are copyrighted and cannot be distributed outside of our approved vendors. We currently offer merchandise through French Toast, LoweGear, or directly through our CPS Athletic Shop.

The school logo will be visible at all times on students’ uniforms. The outermost layer of a student’s uniform will be embroidered with the school logo. This includes shirts, jumpers, blazers, and sweaters.

ENFORCEMENT AND CONSEQUENCES

ENFORCEMENT

Within the school, the uniform policy will be enforced by the classroom teachers, other staff members, and Classical Preparatory School administration. The final decision as to the safety or suitability of any uniform policy issue will be left up to the dean or designee.

Anyone with a medical or religious reason for not following the uniform policy will need permission from the dean prior to non-compliance with this uniform policy.

Cheerful, consistent compliance with the uniform policy is expected by all.

CONSEQUENCES FOR UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

A uniform violation slip will be sent to parents after each infraction. If a student violates the uniform policy in a manner that cannot be immediately corrected, the student may be asked to call his/her parent or guardian to

bring an appropriate uniform item(s) which will allow the student to comply with the uniform policy. Uniform violation procedures are as followed:

1st Violation- Uniform violation slip sent home to be signed by parent/guardian.

2nd Violation- Parent called to come with appropriate uniform item for student.

3rd Violation- Parent called to come with appropriate uniform item for student. (Student pulled out of class until correct item arrives.)

4th Violation- Administration contacted for further action.

UNIFORM WEAR GUIDANCE

Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their children arrive at school in the proper uniform. Students are expected to be dressed neatly, be well-groomed, and give a general good appearance. Uniforms are to be clean, of appropriate size/fit, and free of holes, tears, and frays. Uniforms must be worn as intended by the policy. A student will be deemed out of compliance for wearing non-approved items or by wearing approved items in a manner that is sloppy, immodest, or otherwise inappropriate.

Please label your child(ren)'s clothing with his/her name.

NOTE: If your child requires sizes that are not available through French Toast, please communicate with your dean for approval to purchase from an outside vendor. All non-French Toast uniforms must have prior approval.

REQUIRED EVERY DAY UNIFORM

SHIRTS

BOYS:

- **Color:** Navy or light blue embroidered with school logo (no white shirts)
- **Style:** Short Sleeve Pique Polo (Item #1012) OR Long Sleeve Pique Polo (Item #1009)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Navy or light blue embroidered with school logo (no white shirts)
- **Style:** Short Sleeve Pique Polo (Item #1012) OR Long Sleeve Pique Polo (Item #1009)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit for boys and girls:

- A solid white undershirt may be worn under the shirt/blouse but must not protrude past the sleeve length
- Shirts are not to be tight fitting

PANTS

BOYS:

- **Color:** Navy
- **Style:** Relaxed Fit Twill Pant (Item #1519) OR Relaxed Fit Pull-On Pant (Item #1348)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Navy
- **Style:** Bootcut Adjustable Waist Pant (Item #1315) OR Twill Bootcut Pull-On Pant (Item #1340)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit for boys and girls:

- No cargo pants, ankle pants, leggings, denim, or capris are permitted
- Must fit the waistline
- No "low riding," "skinny," or tight-fitting styles are permitted
- May not touch the floor or be above the ankle
- Pants must be non-cuffed and may not be rolled to achieve the proper length
- **All pants must be purchased from French Toast**

SKIRTS/SHORTS/JUMPERS

Skirts:

- **Color:** Blue/Gold Plaid only
- **Style:** Two-Tab Scooter (in Blue/Gold Plaid) (Item #1397)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit:

- No skirts shorter than three inches above the top of the knee when standing
- Solid black shorts must be worn under the skirt, but must not protrude the length of the skirt
- **All skirts must be purchased from French Toast**

Shorts:

BOYS:

- **Color:** Navy
- **Style:** Flat Front Short (Item #1431) OR Pull-On Short (Item #1350)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Navy
- **Style:** Bermuda Short (Item #1303) OR Pull-On Short (Item #1349)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit for boys and girls:

- May not be shorter than three inches above the top of the knee when standing
- May not go below the knee
- Shorts cannot be rolled or be tight fitting
- **All shorts must be purchased from French Toast**

Jumpers :

- **Color:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Style:** Pleated Ribbon Bow Hem Jumper (Item #1352)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit:

- Must be worn with Short or Long Sleeve Stretch Pique Polo in light blue or navy (Item #1403 or Item #1518) purchased through French Toast
- Solid black shorts must be worn under jumpers, but must not protrude past the length of the jumper
- **Jumpers must be purchased from French Toast**

SHOES

- **Color:** Solid black with solid black laces, non-skid black rubber soles, closed-toed, and flat
 - No colors on the shoes, heels, or soles
 - No neon or bright colored shoe laces
 - No slippers, flip flops, or open-toed shoes
 - No boots of any kind (winter, riding, dress, etc.)
 - No lights or wheelies
- **Style:** Athletic (tennis, Keds) shoes.
 - Mary Jane shoes, even athletic styled, are not allowed because of outdoor safety.

SOCKS/TIGHTS

Socks:

- **Color:** Solid-colored black socks
- **Style:** Solid black ankle socks

Tights:

- **Color:** Solid-colored black or navy tights
- **Style:** Cable knit tights (Item #2245)
- **Vendor:** French Toast
 - No leggings or footless tights

OPTIONAL CLOTHING ITEMS

VEST

- **Color:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Style:** V-Neck Sweater Vest (Item #1029)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit for boys and girls:

- The uniform shirt must be worn underneath, and the collar must be visible
- No other sweaters, hoodies, jackets, or sweatshirts are permitted to be worn in the classrooms or other building rooms (library, prytaneum, offices, etc.)
- **All vests must be embroidered and purchased from French Toast**

SWEATERS

BOYS:

- **Color:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Style:** Anti-Pill V-Neck Cardigan (Item #1370)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Style:** Anti-Pill Crewneck Cardigan (Item #1371)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit for boys and girls:

- The uniform shirt/blouse must be worn underneath, and the collar must be visible
- No other sweaters, hoodies, jackets, or sweatshirts are permitted to be worn in the classrooms or other building rooms (library, prytaneum, offices, etc.)
- **All sweaters must be embroidered and purchased from French Toast**

OUTERWEAR

- Jackets may be worn to school for warmth but must be free of patterns, decorations, and images. Jackets must be solid navy, black, brown, or grey in color and may only be worn before and after school and during recess. Jackets must have a zipper or button front (no pullovers). No hoodies or pullover sweatshirts/jackets allowed.

****If the cost of the uniform presents a financial hardship for your family, please contact the school office for assistance.***

HAIR, JEWELRY AND MAKEUP

HAIR

BOYS

- Hair should be neatly combed or styled. Hair must be well-off the top of the shirt collar. Hair should not fall below the eyebrows or past the mid-point of the ear. Hair cannot be tucked behind the ears. No shaved heads, Mohawks, rat's tails, pony tails, or braids.

GIRLS

- Hair must be natural looking and conservative in its color (no bleaching or unnatural streaking/highlighting, no deep/bright reds or oranges, no artificial jet-black coloring, and no unnatural colors) and cut. Hair must be clean, neat, and styled traditionally. No unusual or radical hairstyles (such as undercuts or partially-shaved hairstyles) and only natural colors are allowed. If bangs are worn, they must be above the eyes.
- Girls may wear solid black barrettes, solid black small bows (no larger than two inches), solid black ponytail holders, and solid black headbands as hair accessories only. Girls may not wear anything that could be considered a distraction or "costume" such as animal ears or other novelties.
- No sport band-like headbands or head wraps (ones that wrap around the head) of any kind, size, or color.

HATS

- Hats of any kind (including visors and bandanas) are not permitted to be worn in the classrooms or other building rooms. Hats that can be worn outside must be baseball in style, and solid black, brown, navy, or grey, free from patterns, decorations, and images.

JEWELRY/PIERCING/TATTOOS

- Girls may wear small studded earrings. No hoops or dangling earrings are permitted.
- Boys may not wear earrings.
- No other body piercings are permitted.
- Boys and girls are permitted to wear one watch, digital or analog. No “smart” watches or devices. Bracelets, rings, and necklaces are not permitted unless for religious reasons.
- No visible tattoos (permanent or temporary).
- No body art, including drawing or writing on skin made by the student with a writing utensil.

MAKEUP

- Students may not wear makeup of any kind.
- Girls may wear nail polish of a single color (to exclude black) for all fingers of both hands. No other nail decorations including jewels, initials, patterns, or designs can be worn.

EXCEPTIONS

CURRICULUM DAYS

Students participating in Curriculum Day activities may wear their costume to school on the day of the event. Guidelines will be provided by teachers and administration prior to the event.

SPIRIT SHIRT DAY

Early Academy students who participate in the buy-out program may wear official current year Classical Prep spirit shirts on the last Friday of each month. Dress code must be followed for all other articles of clothing.

OTHER EXCEPTIONS

If at any other time in the school year students are permitted to dress differently than outlined in the uniform policy, guidelines will be provided by teachers and administration prior to the event.