

Classical Preparatory School 6th-12th Grade Uniform Policy

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Uniforms are mandatory for all 6th-12th grade 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 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

Adherence to our uniform and dress code is required by all scholars. Parents will be notified of a violation by violation slip, email, or phone call after each infraction. If a student violates the uniform policy in a manner that cannot be immediately corrected, the student will 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 and dress code policy. It is possible that the student will not be able to participate in school until the correct item arrives. Other disciplinary

actions can include, but are not limited to: detention(s), loss of privilege in after school activities, student government and other leadership roles, loss of privilege in athletics, parent meeting, and child sent home with an unexcused absence. Again, the final decision being made by the dean or designee.

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 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENT UNIFORMS

SHIRTS AND BLOUSES

All shirts and blouses must have buttons all the way to the top of the garment. Shirts must be buttoned to a standard of neatness and modesty. Shirts and blouses must be worn tucked inside the pants, skirts, or shorts.

BOYS:

- **Color:** Light blue embroidered with school logo (no white shirts)
- **Style:** Short Sleeved Oxford Shirt (Item #1020) OR Long Sleeved Oxford Shirt (Item # 1017)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Light blue embroidered with school logo (no white shirts)
- **Style:** Short Sleeve Fitted Oxford Shirt with Princess Seams (Item #1378), Long Sleeve Fitted Oxford Shirt with Princess Seams (Item #1377), Short Sleeve Oxford Shirt (Item #1020) OR Long Sleeve Oxford Shirt (Item #1017)
- **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
- Dress shirts are not to be tight fitting
- **All shirts must be embroidered and purchased from French Toast**

PANTS

BOYS:

- **Color:** Navy
- **Style:** Adjustable Double Knee Pant (Item #1519)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Navy
- **Style:** Straight Leg Twill Pant (Item #1573)
- **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
- Must have belt loops and a solid black belt must be worn (See "BELTS" below)

- **All pants must be purchased from French Toast**

SHORTS

BOYS:

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

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Navy
- **Style:** Bermuda Short (Item #1692)
- **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
- Must have belt loops and a solid black belt must be worn (See "BELTS" below)
- **All shorts must be purchased from French Toast**

SKIRTS

GIRLS

- **Color:** Blue/Gold Plaid only
- **Style:** Plaid Pleated Skirt (Item #1065) OR 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**

TIES (WORN BY BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS):

- **Color:** Navy blue
- **Style:** Solid (Item # 4184)
- **Vendor:** French Toast
- Must be worn daily and match the color of the uniform pants/shorts every day
- No bow ties, clip on, or velcro

BELTS

- **Color:** Solid Black
- **Style:** Dress Belt (Item #2425)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

Fit:

- Must be worn by all students when wearing pants or shorts.
- Must be solid-colored black
- No embellishments, spikes, metal protrusions, beaded or painted designs
- Must be worn even if it does not show, such as with a sweater

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, ballet flats or open-toed shoes
 - No boots of any kind (winter, riding, dress, etc.)
 - No lights or wheelies
- **Style:** Athletic (tennis, Keds and/or Mary Janes with straps) shoes

SOCKS/TIGHTS

Socks:

- **Color:** Solid-colored black or navy socks
- **Style:** Knee-high or ankle socks
- **Vendor:** Any

Tights:

- **Color:** Solid-colored, solid-knitted black or navy tights
- **Style:** Closed toe tights
- **Vendor:** Any
 - No leggings or footless tights

P.E. UNIFORMS

- Students in Logic and Rhetoric school **must** dress out for P.E. into a Classical Prep P.E. uniform from French Toast
- The tops and bottoms must be purchased from French Toast
- Athletic shoes are required for P.E. and must be solid black and free from patterns, decorations, and images
- Solid navy sweatpants or athletic pants may be worn for P.E. on cold weather days only
- See “JACKETS/OUTDOOR WEAR” for cold weather jacket options for P.E.
- Note: Sweatpants, athletic pants, and jackets cannot be worn in classrooms or any other building rooms

OPTIONAL CLOTHING ITEMS

VESTS

- **Color:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Style:** V-Neck Sweater Vest (Item #1029)
- **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 vests must be embroidered and purchased from French Toast**

CARDIGANS

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
- **All cardigans must be embroidered and purchased from French Toast**

BLAZERS

BOYS:

- **Color:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Style:** Classical School Blazer (Item #1659)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

GIRLS:

- **Color:** Navy embroidered with school logo
- **Style:** Classical School Blazer (Item #1658)
- **Vendor:** French Toast

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- The uniform shirt/blouse must be worn underneath, and the collar must be visible
- **All blazers 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. (brand emblems are allowed.)
- Jackets must be solid navy or solid black in color. No accent colors or large and distracting logos.
- Jackets must have a zipper or button front (no pullovers).
- No hoodies or sweatshirts 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.
- 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

- 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 or navy barrettes, solid black or navy small bows (no larger than two inches), solid black or navy ponytail holders, and solid black or navy 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

BOYS

- Boys may not wear earrings.
- Bracelets, rings, and necklaces are not permitted unless for religious reasons.
- One watch, digital or analog can be worn.

GIRLS

- Girls may wear *one* pair of short earrings only on the ear lobes. “Short” means that the earrings should not hang more than ½ inch below the ear lobe. Large hoops or other dangling or distracting earrings are not permitted. Hoops are not to be larger than the size of a nickel.
- No body-piercing jewelry except traditionally-located earrings will be permitted.
- One simple ring on each hand is permitted.
- One wrist bracelet, one watch (digital or analog), and one simple necklace are permissible. No chokers, no beaded necklaces (colored or otherwise), no leather necklaces, no shells, no large or elaborate chain-link, and no large or elaborate pendants (larger than an inch in length, width or diameter) may be worn.

Boys and girls:

- No other body piercings are permitted.
- No “smart” watches or devices are permitted.
- No visible tattoos (permanent or temporary).
- No body art, including drawing or writing on skin made by the student with a writing utensil.

MAKEUP

- 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.
- Makeup is permitted and should be applied tastefully, in moderation, and appear natural looking. Heavily lined eyes, bright lipstick, blush or eyeshadow, and glittered or white-powdered faces will not be permitted.

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.

BOOSTERTHON

Students are permitted to wear comfortable athletic clothing and athletic shoes that fit within Classical Prep’s dress code for P.E.

- Athletic shoes must be solid black and free from patterns, decorations, and images
- Solid navy or black athletic shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee) or athletic pants may be worn.
- Boosterthon t-shirt will be worn
- Spandex or short shorts are not allowed.

SPIRIT SHIRT DAY

6th-12th grade students who participate in the buy-out program may wear official current year Classical Prep spirit shirts on spirit shirt days. Dress code must be followed for all other articles of clothing.

EVENING AND WEEKEND SCHOOL ACTIVITY ATTIRE

Evening or weekend school activity attire guidelines will be provided by teachers and administration prior to the event. The semi-formal and formal dress code is on Classical Prep’s website.

FIELD TRIPS

Students are expected to dress in their uniforms on field trips unless otherwise directed by a member of the Classical Prep staff.

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.