# Classical Preparatory School 6th-12th Grade Uniform Policy Adopted: March 1, 2019

Uniforms are mandatory for all K-12th grade scholars at Classical Preparatory School. Students must arrive on campus in uniform each day. 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 scholars 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 scholars 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 scholars' attire. Wearing uniforms is intended to improve discipline and enhance the overall learning environment at Classical Prep by fostering a distinct and positive Classical Prep appearance, helping scholars 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: <a href="https://www.frenchtoastschoolbox.com">https://www.frenchtoastschoolbox.com</a> (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.

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

## **Enforcement and Consequences**

#### **Enforcement**

Within the school, the uniform and dress code 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 and dress code policy issue will be left up to the dean or designee. Compliance with the uniform policy is expected by all.

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

### **Consequences for Uniform and Dress Code 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 scholar violates the uniform policy in a manner that cannot be immediately corrected, the scholar will be asked to call his/her parent or guardian to bring an appropriate uniform item(s) which will allow the scholar to comply with the uniform and dress code policy. It is possible that the scholar 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, scholar 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 scholar 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 alternative vendor. All non-French Toast uniforms must have prior written approval.

### **REQUIRED 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENT UNIFORMS**

### **DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY**

## SHIRTS AND BLOUSES for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY

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
- o All shirts must be embroidered and purchased from French Toast

### **PANTS for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY**

### BOYS:

- Color: Navy
- Style: Relaxed Fit Twill Pant (Item #1519)
- Vendor: French Toast

### GIRLS:

- Color: Navy
- Style: Straight Leg Twill Pant (Item #1573)
- Vendor: French Toast

### Fit for boys and girls:

- o No cargo pants, ankle pants, leggings, denim, or capris are permitted
- Must fit the waistline
- o 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

#### **SKIRTS for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY**

#### 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 for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY (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

### **OPTIONAL CLOTHING ITEMS FOR DRESS UNIFORM DAYS**

# **SHORTS for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY**

BOYS: Color: Navy

- Style: Flat Front Short (Item #1699)
- 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

#### **VESTS for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY**

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

### Fit for boys and girls:

- o The uniform shirt/blouse must be worn underneath, and the collar must be visible
- No other sweaters, hooded outerwear, 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 for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY**

### 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 for DRESS UNIFORM MONDAY**

### 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

### Fit for boys and girls:

- The uniform shirt/blouse must be worn underneath, and the collar must be visible
- All blazers must be embroidered with the school logo and purchased from French Toast

If scholars choose to wear their dress uniform any other days during the week, they are required to abide by the above full dress uniform guidelines.

## **REQUIRED EVERYDAY UNIFORM (Except Dress Uniform Mondays)**

### **SHIRTS**

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: Navy or light blue embroidered with school logo (no white shirts)
- Style: Short Sleeve Sport Polo (Item #1629)
- Vendor: French Toast

#### GIRLS:

- Color: Navy or light blue embroidered with school logo (no white shirts)
- Style: Short Sleeve Sport Polo (Item #1629)
- 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
- o Polos must be purchased from French Toast and embroidered

### **PANTS**

## BOYS:

- Color: Navy
- Style: Relaxed Fit Twill 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 #1699)
- 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

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### **BELTS**

- Color: Solid Black
- Style: Dress Belt (Item #2426)
- Vendor: French Toast

### Fit:

- Must be worn by all scholars when wearing pants or shorts.
- Must be solid-colored black
- o 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, Mary Janes with straps) shoes

#### SOCKS/TIGHTS

### Socks

- Color: Solid-colored black or navy socks
  Style: Knee-high (girls only) 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 <u>must</u> dress out for P.E. into a Classical Prep P.E. uniform from French
- 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 and athletic pants 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
- All vests must be embroidered and purchased from French Toast

#### **CARDIGANS**

#### BOYS:

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

#### GIRLS:

- Color: Navy (embroidered with school logo preferred)
- 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

## **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

## Fit for boys and girls:

- The uniform shirt/blouse must be worn underneath, and the collar must be visible
- All blazers must be embroidered with the school logo 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 hooded outerwear allowed.

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

#### HAIR, HATS, JEWELRY, AND MAKEUP

## <u>HAIR</u>

- Hair should be neatly combed or styled.
- 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. If bangs are worn, they must be above the eyes.
- No sport band-like headbands, bandanas, doo rags or head wraps (ones that wrap around the head) of any kind, size, or color.
- Scholars 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. Scholars may not wear anything that could be considered a distraction or "costume" such as animal ears or other novelties.

#### **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 gray, free from patterns, decorations, and images.

# JEWELRY/PIERCING/TATTOOS

- Scholars 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 other body piercings are 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.
- No notched eyebrows.
- 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 scholar with a writing utensil.

#### **MAKEUP**

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

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

#### **Semi-Formal Events Dress Code**

There are specific, semi-formal dress requirements for special events. Special events include, but are not limited to, induction ceremonies, Summus Vesper, dress-up days, etc.

<u>Semi-formal dress code for young men:</u> Dress slacks (no jeans or patched pocket pants), collared dress shirt, dark socks, dress shoes (no sneakers or sandals), no dyed hair or hats. Boys may wear modest, professional ties without images or logos. Hair should be trimmed appropriately.

<u>Semi-formal dress code for young women:</u> Modest-length skirts or dresses (no shorter than the uniform skirt), or appropriately fitting dress slacks; bare midriffs are not acceptable. Modestly-cut sleeveless tops/dresses are allowed; ladies may not wear strapless, spaghetti-strap, or tank tops. Girls should wear dress shoes. No flip-flops, no dyed hair.

#### **Formal Events Dress Code**

# **Dress Code for Young Men:**

- Dress slacks, button-down dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes required.
- A jacket is strongly recommended.
- All pants must be securely worn around the waist.

## **Dress Code for Young Women:**

- Semi-formal attire or formal gowns or pantsuits.
- Dresses are to be no more than 3 inches above the knee (front and back) or 3 inches below the fingertips. This also applies to slits in dresses. Dress must also be at the appropriate length even if leggings are worn underneath the dress.
- Dress may not be extremely low-cut in the front or back. The front of the dress must not fall below the bra line; the back of the dress must not fall below the waist. The back of the dress must not be open past the back. Sides must be covered. No dresses are permitted that are open or sheer on the front or sides of the dress, unless the openness is covered by solid material.
- Dresses may not be extremely tight/form-fitting. Be aware of the material that gathers and rises when walking.
- If the dress/skirt has sheer material over the lining of the dress, then the lining of the dress must be no more than 2 inches above the knee (front and back). The sheer material is not what will be measured.

# In addition, for both young men and young women:

- No "polo" style shirts or t-shirts
- No athletic shoes/sneakers
- No torn clothing
- No see-through clothing or clothing that shows midriff
- No khakis, jeans/denim, or cargo pants
- No shorts
- No hats or head covering such as bandanas or doo rags
- Dresses with revealing cut-outs
- Pants and top where the midriff is showing

#### All Students:

If the attire is questionable, scholars are encouraged to show their evening wear to administrators beforehand to determine if it is event appropriate. The determination of the appropriateness of scholar dress and grooming shall rest with administration.

Students and their dates who are non-compliant with the dress code will not be admitted to the dance/event or will be escorted out of the event. No refunds will be given for event dress code infractions in which these scholars are asked to leave.

# **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.

# **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.