



Uniform Guide

THE AMBROSE SCHOOL

2024-25 REVISION

K-12 DRESS CODE AND UNIFORM
GUIDELINES FOR ALL CAMPUSES

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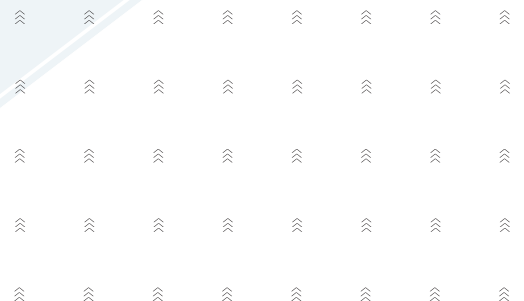
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WHY WE WEAR UNIFORMS

Since its inception, The Ambrose School has been committed to uniform clothing for its students. This policy has four fundamental benefits.

1. Uniforms prevent the application of subjective standards of dress in the classroom. Parents, students, and teachers know that the uniform meets the school’s standards of modesty.
2. Uniforms are a positive influence in the school. The Ambrose School places particular value on a structured learning environment. A child learns that when wearing an Ambrose uniform, he will engage in studious activity. Teachers have noted the advantage of uniforms in the instructional setting. This environment makes it easier for The Ambrose School to complete its primary task—the education of children.
3. Uniforms encourage a community spirit, where individuality is sacrificed for the good of the group. This removes the potential distraction of what clothing other students are wearing. This also sets our group of students apart from other schools, encouraging each student to operate as a part of a body.
4. Uniforms usually decrease the cost of clothing. Our uniform guide shows the dress requirements for each grade. Parents can typically purchase two to three sets of uniforms to last throughout the school year. If parents are interested in purchasing or selling used uniforms, we have a Uniform & Logowear Store at our Locust Grove Campus where parents can consign and/or purchase used items.

UNIFORM SUPPLIERS & GUIDELINES



UNIFORM PIECES

All uniform pieces may be purchased through Educational Outfitters, except the letterman's jacket (see page 18).

CONTACT

- Online at: boise.educationaloutfitters.com
- Call 208-515-2444
- Located at 9543 W. Emerald, Suite 105, Boise, ID 83704



UNIFORM PIECES

A few uniform pieces can also be ordered through Lands' End.

Girls

- 5th & 6th grade polo shirts
- White formal shirts
- Socks

Boys

- Khaki pants and shorts
- Oxford formal shirts
- Leather belts
- Socks

CONTACT

Make sure you create an account for your student before looking at uniform options. To order the approved style, go to:

- landsend.com
- Create an account
- Find your school under uniforms
- Create a profile for your student
- Purchase the approved item



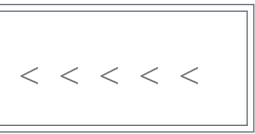
UNIFORM PIECES

All uniform pieces are available with the exception of the navy zip jacket with crest (see page 18).

CONTACT

- Online at flynnohara.com

If you have any questions, please contact our Uniform Coordinator at uniformcoordinator@theambroseschool.org.



All visible uniform items must be purchased from our approved uniform suppliers. **Please note that Old Navy is not one of our approved uniform suppliers.**

Pre-K student uniforms are simplified and do not have to be purchased from our uniform vendors. Ask for the Pre-K Uniform Guide for more details.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE



Uniforms, including shoes, shall be worn as intended and kept neat, clean, and in good condition—this includes missing buttons. (Check with the Uniform & Logowear Store for button replacements.)

GIRLS JUMPERS, SKIRTS, AND KILTS

- The hemline must reach to the knee. Ordering a larger size will not make the skirt longer. You must order the tall (XL) which is 2" longer.

BOYS PANTS

- No excessively short pants, this means no rolling the bottoms—they should reach at least the top of the shoe. We realize that boys grow quickly, and by spring, they sometimes have “high waters.” If this is the case, please purchase new (or used) pants if the hemline is more than 1" above the top of the shoe.
- No excessively tight or baggy pants. No undergarment or pocket lines should show because the fabric is too tight. Stand straight and pinch 1/2" to 1 inch of fabric on either side of the thigh—if it is less than that, the pants are too tight.
- No denim or denim-like fabric.
- No cargo pockets.
- No holes or stains.

WHAT TO WEAR AND WHEN TO WEAR IT



Wednesday is formal day at The Ambrose School. All students on all campuses must wear their formal uniform every Wednesday. Informal options cannot be worn on Wednesdays.

REQUIRED FORMAL UNIFORMS

- Every Wednesday (it may also be worn every day of the week)
- Special school events, field trips, or community events will require a formal uniform unless otherwise specified by the teacher.

OPTIONAL INFORMAL UNIFORMS

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Boys **shorts** may be worn on non-formal days before fall break and after spring break.

ARCHER LOGOWEAR

- Archer athletic logowear may be worn in the classroom for dedicated events and spirit days.
- Upper school students may wear Archer sweatshirts and hoodies in the classroom every Friday after Christmas break and before spring break.

HOUSE LOGOWEAR (UPPER SCHOOL ONLY)

- House logowear may be worn for House sports.
- House hoodies may be worn in the classroom every Friday after Christmas break and before spring break.





DRESS CODE CLASSIFICATIONS



CASUAL

Spirit Day or Fall Dance

A casual dress code refers to clothing that is informal and comfortable yet clean with no holes, rips, or tears. (Jeans, t-shirt, etc.) Sweatpants, joggers, or pajama pants are not allowed unless otherwise specified.

BUSINESS CASUAL

Graduation

Business casual typically means collared shirts with pants or skirts. It is the equivalent to our **informal uniforms**.

GIRLS ATTIRE

- Skirt or dress pants
- Collar shirt, knit shirt or sweater (no sleeveless)
- Dress (**middle of the knee or longer**)
- Dress shoes (flats or heels)

BOYS ATTIRE

- Slacks or khakis
- Dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, or polo shirt
- Tie (optional)—required for graduation
- Optional sportcoat or blazer
- Dress shoes (**no sneakers**)

BUSINESS FORMAL

Junior/Senior Thesis

Business formal is characterized by a suit jacket with matching pants or a skirt. The darker the suit, the more formal. It is the equivalent to our **formal uniforms**.

GIRLS ATTIRE

- Pant suit or skirt suit (**must reach the middle of the kneecap or longer**)
- Dress with jacket (**must reach the middle of the kneecap or longer**)
- Jumpsuit with jacket
- Dress shoes (flats or heels)

BOYS ATTIRE

- Business suit
- Matching vest (optional)
- Dress shirt
- Tie
- Dress shoes (**no sneakers**)

SEMI-FORMAL

Winter Dance

Our semi-formal dress code is best described as being more formal than what you would wear to an office, but slightly less formal than what you would wear to a formal event.

GIRLS ATTIRE

- Short to tea length dress (**no shorter than 2" above the kneecap**)
- Dressy separates (skirt or pants and top)
- Pantsuit or jumpsuit
- Dress shoes (flats or heels)

BOYS ATTIRE

- Slacks
- Button down dress shirt
- Sportcoat or blazer (optional)
- Vest (optional)
- Dress shirt
- **Tie or bow tie**
- Dress shoes (**no sneakers**)

FORMAL

Protocol

Formal attire is what you would wear to a fancy evening event like Protocol.

GIRLS ATTIRE

- Tea length to floor length dress or gown
- Sandals, flats, or heels

BOYS ATTIRE

- Suit
- Matching vest (optional)
- Dress shirt
- Tie or bow tie
- Dress shoes (**no sneakers**)



For upper school dances and retreat dress codes, please refer to the Parent & Student Handbook.



NON-UNIFORM EVENTS

Below are the requirements for every school event or themed day held on campus. Typically, these are events that are considered to be casual dress events. This includes, but is not limited to: Spirit Days, class-themed days (Egyptian Day, etc.), Western Day, or Unity Week.

DRESS CODE FOR EVENTS



TOPS

- No tight or see-through shirts.
- Sleeveless shirts are not allowed.
- The front and back necklines of tops must be modestly cut.
- No midriffs showing.

BOTTOMS

- Students must wear loose-fitting pants or shorts, with **shorts longer than the tips of their fingers** when their arms are fully extended down their legs (this includes running shorts).
- Leggings can **only** be worn under a skirt or dress.
- No undergarment or pocket lines should show because the fabric is too tight.
- Dresses and skirts are not shorter than 2" above the kneecap.
- Sweatpants, joggers, or pajama pants are not acceptable unless otherwise specified.

SHOES

- Shoes must be closed-toe with heels no taller than 1/2".

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Students are asked to dress appropriately for the event's decorum.
- Legalistic arguments about these rules will not be well received. Ask yourself why you want to wear something. If your motivation might be "to be noticed," you're probably on the wrong track.





REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

SKIRT



OR



K - 4TH ONLY
MUST TOUCH THE KNEE*

5TH - 6TH ONLY
MUST TOUCH THE KNEE*

SHIRT



OR



SWEATER



BUTTON DOWN CREW SWEATER

SOCKS



OR



WHITE KNEE SOCKS

WHITE TIGHTS

BIKE SHORTS



BLACK OR NAVY ONLY

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN
ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)



5TH - 6TH ONLY*

OR



5TH - 6TH ONLY*



ZIP JACKET

*Ordering a larger size will NOT make the skirt longer. You need to order the tall.

K-6TH
GIRLS

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

SKIRT



MUST TOUCH THE KNEE*

SHIRT



SWEATER



PULLOVER SWEATER

SOCKS



NAVY KNEE SOCKS

OR



NAVY TIGHTS

BIKE SHORTS



BLACK OR NAVY ONLY

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN
ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)



OR



ZIP JACKET

**Ordering a larger size will NOT make the skirt longer. You need to order the tall.*

7TH-8TH
GIRLS

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

SKIRT



MUST TOUCH THE KNEE*

SHIRT



OR



BLAZER



SOCKS



OR



NAVY KNEE SOCKS

NAVY TIGHTS

BIKE SHORTS



BLACK OR NAVY ONLY

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN
ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)



OR



ZIP JACKET

OR



PULLOVER SWEATER

*Ordering a larger size will NOT make the skirt longer. You need to order the tall.

9TH-12TH
GIRLS

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.



REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

PANTS



OR



ELASTIC WAIST*

SHIRT



OR



SWEATER



BUTTON DOWN V-NECK SWEATER

SOCKS



OR



KHAKI

BLACK (NO LOGOS)

TIE/BELT



NAVY, YELLOW & WHITE STRIPE



BLACK ONLY

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN
ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)



SHORTS**

OR



SHORTS**
W/ ELASTIC WAIST*



OR



ZIP JACKET

**Elastic waist are for kindergarten students only.*

***Shorts may be worn on non-formal days before fall break and after spring break.*



K-6TH BOYS



See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

PANTS



SHIRT



OR



SWEATER



PULLOVER SWEATER

SOCKS



KHAKI

OR



BLACK (NO LOGOS)

TIE/BELT



MAROON



BLACK ONLY

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN
ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)



SHORTS**



OR



ZIP JACKET

***Shorts may be worn on non-formal days before fall break and after spring break.*

7TH-8TH
BOYS

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

PANTS



SHIRT



OR



BLAZER



SOCKS



OR



KHAKI

BLACK (NO LOGOS)

TIE/BELT



NAVY & MAROON STRIPE



BLACK ONLY

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN
ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)



SHORTS**



OR



ZIP JACKET

OR



PULLOVER SWEATER

***Shorts may be worn on non-formal days before fall break and after spring break.*

9TH-12TH
BOYS

SOCK REQUIREMENTS

GIRLS REQUIRED SOCKS

K-6TH SOCKS



OR



WHITE KNEE SOCKS

WHITE TIGHTS

7TH-12TH SOCKS



OR



NAVY KNEE SOCKS

NAVY TIGHTS

OPTIONAL GIRLS SOCKS

(OPTIONAL SOCKS THAT CAN BE
WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

ALL K-12TH GIRLS



WHITE MID ANKLE



WHITE FOLD OVER
(LACE AND RUFFLES ARE ACCEPTED)



WHITE LOW ANKLE

7TH-12TH GIRLS ONLY



BLACK LOW ANKLE



BLACK MID CALF
(NO LOGOS)

UNACCEPTABLE



ADORNMENTS OTHER
THAN WHITE LACE



NO LOGOS OF
ANY KIND



MID CALF FOR K-6TH

BOYS REQUIRED SOCKS

K-12TH SOCKS



KHAKI



BLACK (NO LOGOS)

UNACCEPTABLE SOCKS



PATTERNED



LOW ANKLE OR LOGOS



COLORS OTHER THAN
BLACK OR KHAKI

SHOE REQUIREMENTS

K-12 GIRLS SHOES

UNIFORM SHOES



BLACK CANVAS TIE*



BLACK CANVAS SLIP ON*



BLACK LOAFER*



BLACK BALLET FLAT*



BLACK MARY JANE*

GYM SHOES



ANY ATHLETIC SHOE WITH A
NON-MARKING SOLE

K-12 BOYS SHOES

UNIFORM SHOES



BLACK SLIP ON DRESS SHOE*



BLACK TIE DRESS SHOE*



TIE OR VELCRO BLACK LEATHER TENNIS SHOE*



BLACK CANVAS TIE*

GYM SHOES



ANY ATHLETIC SHOE WITH A
NON-MARKING SOLE

UNACCEPTABLE SHOES

This list is not exhaustive. If you have any questions on whether or not your student's shoes meet the requirements, please contact our Uniform Coordinator.



WHITE SOLE OR LOGOS



SPARKLY



A HIGH HEEL



NOT ALL BLACK



ANY TYPE OF BOOT, OTHER
THAN SNOW BOOTS FOR RECESS



PATENT LEATHER OR SUEDE



COLOR OTHER THAN BLACK



OPEN BACK OR OPEN TOE



ANY TYPE OF HIGH TOP



*All shoes, except P.E. shoes, must have a black sole. Any other color is NOT acceptable.

ACCEPTABLE IN CLASS ON ALL DAYS

K-6TH GRADES



7TH-8TH GRADES



9TH-12TH GRADES



OPTIONAL OUTERWEAR

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN IN
CLASS ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

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ZIP JACKET (AVAILABLE FROM EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS)



9-12 GIRLS LETTERMAN'S JACKET



9-12 BOYS LETTERMAN'S JACKET

Formal school uniform sweaters and upper school blazers are acceptable outerwear for the classroom on all days of the week. **Archer and House logo wear are acceptable on Fridays after Christmas break, until spring break.**

Letterman's jackets are only available to 9-12 students that have lettered in a sport. Order through Jostens. See the Uniform Coordinator for details.

GYM SHORTS

GIRLS



NAVY NYLON SHORTS

ACCESSORIES

HAIR



Any hair accessory that coordinates with your school uniforms is acceptable. If your hair accessory is distracting, your teacher may ask you to remove it. These are a few examples of acceptable hair accessories.

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ACCESSORIES, COATS, BACKPACKS, ETC.

The Ambrose School seeks to provide an environment free from distractions that discourage cliques or coveting the current trend.

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