



UNIFORM POLICY

A school uniform is crucial to a successful classical school, accomplishing three key goals. First, it diminishes the burden of thinking about clothing and fashion that can become all-encompassing for many students. This removes distractions in the classroom and redoubles focus on the task at hand. Second, it helps students take school more seriously by acknowledging that, through dress, we respect fellow classmates, teachers, and the common enterprise of education. Third, it develops school identity and pride. All students are therefore expected to adhere to the school uniform policy.

When questions about particular aspects of the uniform arise, the student is expected to follow the general and leading spirit of the policy, which is to diminish distractions, show respect, and elevate the tenor of the school.

Students must be in uniform in order to attend class. Students not in uniform will be sent to the Dean of Student Life's office. His office will keep limited inventory of basic uniform items that a student may be permitted to wear in order to meet uniform requirements and return to class. Loaned items will be carefully tracked and must be returned in clean, like-new condition.

All items that include either the school logo or the school plaid must be purchased through DENNIS Uniforms. Items such as khaki pants and shorts or the white non-logo shirts can be purchased either through DENNIS or elsewhere.

Students will dress according to the required and optional items listed on the Board-approved uniform policy for boys and girls, respectively, plus the following series of "additional uniform provisions" detailed below. Basic details for the school uniform, including ordering information, can be found on the Cincinnati Classical Academy website and are available in the front office.

Uniforms will be designated as "summer uniform" and "winter uniform." The "summer uniform" shall be worn in the first and fourth school quarters; the "winter uniform" shall be worn in the second and third school quarters – unless otherwise directed by the Dean of Student Life or the Headmaster. Please consult DENNIS Uniforms' website for full details on ordering. The following provides a summary of the uniform policy:

BOYS K-4		
	SUMMER UNIFORM	WINTER UNIFORM
Pants	Khaki shorts	Khaki pants
Shirt	navy polo with logo	white oxford or long sleeve navy polo with logo
Shoes	conservative athletic	conservative athletic or dress
Sweater	not required	navy v-neck cardigan optional
Tie	not required	optional
Socks	navy or white	navy or white

BOYS 5-7		
	SUMMER UNIFORM	WINTER UNIFORM
Pants	Khaki shorts	Khaki pants
Shirt	navy polo with logo	white oxford with logo
Shoes	conservative athletic	conservative athletic or dress
Sweater	not required	navy v-neck vest or pullover optional
Tie	not required	required
Socks	navy or white	navy or white

GIRLS K-4		
	SUMMER UNIFORM	WINTER UNIFORM
Jumper	Hamilton plaid	Hamilton plaid
Pants	khaki shorts (alternative)	khaki pants (alternative)
Shirt	white polo or Peter Pan blouse	white Peter Pan blouse
Shoes	conservative athletic	conservative athletic or dress
Sweater	not required	navy v-neck cardigan optional
Tie	not required	plaid crossover tie required
Socks	navy or white crew	navy or white crew

GIRLS 5-7		
	SUMMER UNIFORM	WINTER UNIFORM
Skort	Hamilton plaid	Hamilton plaid
Pants	khaki shorts (alternative)	khaki pants (alternative)

Shirt	white polo with logo	white oxford with logo
Shoes	conservative athletic	conservative athletic or dress
Sweater	not required	navy v-neck vest or pullover optional
Tie	not required	required
Socks	navy or white crew	navy or white crew

Additional Uniform Provisions

- Students may wear their own outerwear (coats, sweaters, vests) to school and on the playground. If a student is cold in the classroom, he or she should wear one of the long sleeve uniform items or the uniform sweater.
- All students must be in uniform at all times. No other clothing other than uniform tops and bottoms are permitted. No outside tops, jeans, or bottoms are permitted in the building except on Fridays and any other days designated as Spirit Wear Days.
- All shirts must be tucked in.
- Skirts and shorts shall fall no higher than two inches above the knee as measured when the student is standing.
- Leggings or tights may be worn underneath clothing but must be ankle length or footed in a solid color—gray, navy, white, or black. Leggings are not to be worn without other bottoms on top.
- Girls may wear gym shorts or compression shorts underneath their skirt, so long as these are not visible when the student is standing.
- Students may use any backpack as long as it is clean and tasteful.
- Hair must be clean, neat, and styled traditionally. Only natural colors are allowed. No unusual or radical hairstyles. Hair accessories must be uniform colors (options available from DENNIS Uniforms). Boys' hair should not come lower than the eyebrows in the front or lower than the top of shoulders in the back.
- All girls' and boys' polo shirts may have the top button un-buttoned. All other buttons must be buttoned.
- Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn in the building. Hats include visors and bandanas. Religious headgear is permitted when worn for religious purposes.
- Non-marking tennis shoes are required for P.E. class and/or sports in the gym. Kindergarten, first, and second grade students will not change for P.E.
- Shoes, socks, and shoelaces should be mostly white, black, blue, brown, or gray. Shoes must be closed-toed, closed-heeled tennis or dress shoes; boots, sandals, moccasins, and slippers are not permitted. We recommend wearing a comfortable shoe that can be worn in the classroom, in gym class, and outdoors at recess.

- Should a student require reasonable uniform alterations based on religion, disability, or medical condition, please contact the Dean of Student Life. Please know that we will provide accommodations for these students.
- All school-sponsored events that occur during the school day, including field trips, are subject to school uniform policy.
- All Fridays throughout the year are designated as “Spirit Wear Days.” On these days, students are permitted to wear Spirit Wear as tops. This includes CLASSICAL T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, fleece pullovers, and quarter zips. Outerwear, including full-zip jackets are not permitted to be worn during the course of the day. (Outerwear may be worn to and from school and on the playground.) Students must wear uniform bottoms on Spirit Wear Days.

Uniforms and Financial Assistance

CLASSICAL will not allow financial need to limit access to the school, and this includes access to uniforms. At minimum, the school will fund one complete uniform set for children whose families qualify for financial assistance. Please contact the school office if you require financial assistance.