



Uniform Policy

The uniform policy at Notre Dame is based on our belief that dress is a reflection of the importance of academic endeavors and school tradition. All students are expected to dress in a manner that is neat, presentable, and professional. In an effort to reflect the serious academic focus of the school, the following uniform policy is in place for all students throughout the school year. This also applies to all Notre Dame High School activities.

Dress Code for All Students

- Short or long sleeve Notre Dame polo shirts available only at Blake's. Upper-class students may continue to wear polo shirts previously purchased at Notre Dame. Polo shirts may be worn for the entire school year.
- White, plain, short sleeve undershirts/tanks (no logos) are allowed under the uniform dress shirt or polo.
- Navy blue sweater or fleece with school logo
- Flat front, navy or tan/khaki dress slacks. Black pants are not permitted. Pants may be purchased at Blake's or at the store of your choice.
- Belts and socks are required.
- Team jerseys (in season) may be worn on Fridays. Shoulders must be covered. If the team jersey does not cover shoulders, a t-shirt must be worn.
- Shoes: Dark brown or black dress shoes with closed toes. Shoes must be below the ankle with a full back and rigid heel and sole. Slipper, boots, moccasins, flip-flops are not permitted. (No shoe passes)
- Hats and scarves are not permitted.
- Hair: Conservative hairstyles that would be appropriate for professional business office are required. Extreme lengths, styles, cuts, or colors are not permitted. Designs cut, shaved, or dyed into one's hair are also not permitted. Beads, feathers, or other accessories may not be woven into hair. Any student who comes to school with an unacceptable hairstyle according to the above standards may be kept out of academic classes until the hairstyle meets the proper guidelines.
- Tattoos must be covered for all school activities.
- Piercings: Body piercings, other than girls' earrings in the ear lobe, are not allowed. Students will be required to remove inappropriate items (e.g. gauges, nose rings, boys' earrings) before being allowed to participate in school activities. Covering prohibited items is not permitted.
- Uniforms must fit appropriately for the size of the students. Clothing and shoes should not be torn, soiled or marked.

- Outerwear, including non-uniform ND apparel, is not permitted in the classroom. Outerwear must be stored in school lockers. Students are required to lock personal items in a locker.

Boys Dress Code

In addition to the policy for all students, the following is required for boys:

- Traditional dress slacks in navy blue or tan/khaki may be purchased from Blake's. No cargo pants or other external pockets are allowed. Slacks should be hemmed, properly fit, and worn with a belt.
- All boys must be clean-shaven (no facial hair). Repeated violation of this policy will result in suspension.
- Hair length may not touch the shirt collar. See Hairstyles in "all Students."
- Oxford dress shirt (tucked in) in white, blue, yellow or pink, purchased at Blake's, or similar style in approved colors, with coordinating tie.

Girls' Dress Code

In addition to the policy for all students, the following is required for girls:

Skirt

Underclass – plaid skirt purchased from Blake's

Seniors – navy or plaid skirt purchased from Blake's.

Length – **skirts must be worn no more than 3 inches above the knee.** Failure to comply with proper skirt length will result in student being required to wear pants daily.

- Traditional dress slacks in navy blue or tan/khaki may be purchased from Blake's. No yoga, cargo, or low-rise pants. Slacks should be hemmed, properly fit and worn at waist with belt.
- Solid color socks to the knee or tights must be worn. Peds/low socks are not permitted.
- Blouse with ND logo in approved colors purchased only from Blake's. No exposed camisoles permitted.

Uniform Supplier

Blake's School Uniform, Co. (60 Access Road, Stratford, CT 06615 – 203.375.5901)
www.blakesschooluniform.com

Penalties/Sanctions

Students who elect not to conform to the dress and grooming rules set forth by this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions and/or sanctions as defined by the administration.

- Detentions will be issued by professional staff members for uniform violations.
- If the problems persist, the students may be removed from class or sent home. In serious situations such as repeated violations, suspensions may occur.
- Repeated uniform violations after suspension may require disciplinary review which may lead to expulsion from Notre Dame High School.
- The Dean of Students and Notre Dame reserve the right to rules on final interpretation of acceptable and appropriate attire and appearance