

Uniform Policy

The following is the Knox Classical Academy uniform policy. Students are expected to be in uniform while on campus unless specified otherwise by the administration. The administration has sole responsibility for the interpretation and the enforcement of the policy. Non-compliance with this policy may result in an office visit.

Gentleman		
	Regular Uniform	Dress Uniform
Pants/shorts	Dark navy straight leg pants or shorts (see note #5 below)	Dark navy straight leg pants
Shirts	White or light blue, long or short-sleeve polo or oxford shirt	White long sleeved oxford shirt
Belts	Dark colored belt	Dark colored belt
Sweaters	Dark navy quarter-zip pullover, v-neck vest, or v-neck cardigan	
Ties		Solid dark navy tie
Shoes	White, navy, black or brown athletic or casual shoe (majority of the shoe should be white, navy, black or brown)	Black, brown or navy dress shoes with a black or brown sole (not athletic shoes)
Socks	Navy, black, or white socks	Solid black or navy socks

Ladies		
	Regular Uniform	Dress Uniform
Pants/shorts	Dark navy straight leg pants or shorts (see note #5 below)	
Jumpers	K-5th: Plaid jumper, dark navy jumper	K-5th: Plaid jumper
Shirts	K-12th: White, long or short-sleeve, Peter Pan collared shirt (to be worn under jumpers only); white or light blue, long or short-sleeve polo or oxford shirt (to be worn with pants and skirts)	K-5th: White, long sleeve Peter Pan collared shirt 5-12th: White, long-sleeve oxford shirt
Skirts	5-12th: Plaid pleated skirt or dark navy skirt or skort	5-12th: Plaid pleated skirt
Sweaters	Dark navy v-neck cardigan or crew neck cardigan sweater Dark navy sweater vest over white or light blue or light blue long-sleeve polo or oxford shirt	
Shoes	White, navy, black or brown athletic or casual shoe (majority of the shoe should be white, navy, black or brown)	Black, brown, or navy dress shoes, with a black or brown sole (not athletic shoes)
Socks/tights/leggings	Solid white ankle socks, crew socks, knee-high socks, or white or dark navy tights, and dark navy or black leggings	K-5th: Solid white tights 5-12th: White knee-high socks

Things to Note:

1. All plaid uniform items and gentlemen's dress uniform dark navy pants must be purchased at Donald's Uniform. We want to allow parents to be good stewards of their finances and to shop around for deals on school uniforms. Therefore, uniform items other than those noted may be purchased from different suppliers that conform to the Knox uniform requirements including that all navy uniform items must match Donald's "dark navy." Donald's has a profile for Knox Classical Academy, which makes it easy to buy all clothing that conforms to our uniform policy.
2. The hem of skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be no more than two inches above the knee. If this is not possible, leggings or tights are required for regular uniform and white tights for dress uniform. If leggings or tights are not worn, cartwheel/biker shorts are required.
3. The following may not be worn as part of any uniform item or assemblage: embroidery (other than Knox emblem), sandals, corduroy, denim, capris, cargo pants/shorts, leggings (except under jumpers or skirts as specified), hooded sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, bandanas, lace, ruffles, or distracting styles (e.g. unnaturally dyed or unkempt hair, gentlemen's earrings, torn or soiled clothes, overdone makeup or jewelry, tattoos, visible undergarments or camisoles, over or undersized clothing, facial hair for gentlemen, or anything else that can reasonably be described as immodest).
4. Dress uniforms may be worn at any time, but they will be required for all-school events (e.g., Christmas concert) or competitions. Generally, dress uniforms will be required no more than once per month.
5. Dark Navy shorts may be worn August-October and April-May. Shorts must fall just above the knee.
6. Jackets and non-uniform sweaters may not be worn in the classroom.
7. Gentlemen must wear a belt with their pants beginning in Primary B. Shirts must be tucked in for all elementary students and secondary gentlemen. Secondary ladies are not required to tuck in shirts.
8. Primary students will be required to bring appropriate snow gear once there is snow on the ground and the forecasted temperature for the day is above 0 degrees with wind chill.

Uniform Rationale

Our uniform policy is driven by a desire to create and promote an environment of God-centered learning based on the following principles:

1. Our goal is to honor God in all we do, acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our choices.
2. Inherent in the uniform policy is a desire to create an environment where undue attention is not drawn to specific students. The uniform policy de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues. The neat appearance created by a uniform enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
3. The uniform policy addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.
4. Uniforms help engender a cohesive presentation of the students in our school. When our students are in uniform, it communicates that they are part of the same team, striving for excellence in all they do.