



Junior-Senior High School Dress Code

2023-2024

PHILOSOPHY

The primary mission of Notre Dame Schools is to educate the whole student in a Catholic environment that instills such values as modesty, self-discipline, professionalism, and pride. Notre Dame students, therefore, are to “dress for success”. We believe that a dress code in which modesty and non-competitive dress are the norm is conducive to an attitude and atmosphere of cooperation and ultimately, unites our students and makes them career ready. Self-confidence and self-esteem are part of this and directly relate to appearance. A student’s attire reflects upon the student as well as the school. We want our young women and men to take pride in their appearance.

All students are expected to present a modest, neat, and clean appearance at all times while being in the approved school uniform. All clothing must be clean, pressed, modestly styled, in good material condition, and properly fitted. The uniform is to be worn every school day unless an individual or the entire student body has been excused from this requirement. Additionally, the uniform must be properly worn whenever the student is on school grounds and/or representing Notre Dame High School at an officially approved activity or event.

Parents/Guardians must be aware of the dress code, ensure the approved items are purchased, and insist that their student(s) be in the dress code when leaving the house each morning. Students not in compliance with the dress code policy will be provided one opportunity to become compliant. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action. Administration reserves the right to determine what is and what is not acceptable, this includes the determination of the appropriateness of student dress on dress-down days.

UNIFORM VENDOR

For the sake of uniformity and consistency, Lands’ End is to be the sole dress code clothing provider of Notre Dame Schools. A link to the Notre Dame Lands’ End Uniforms page is available on our website.

*****Please note: White polo and oxford shirts are being phased out of the Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School dress code and are no longer for sale on Lands’ End. White shirts may be worn through the end of the 2023-2024 school year, but may not be worn beginning 2024-2025.***

YOUNG WOMEN'S DRESS CODE

- Short- or long-sleeved, polo shirts, Navy Blue or White, with the embroidered ND logo, purchased from Lands' End Uniforms. Students may choose to wear a solid white, short-sleeved t-shirt under the polo shirt. Polo shirts must be tucked in so the belt line can be seen and long enough to stay tucked while seated.
- Navy blue quarter zips with the embroidered ND logo may be worn with a solid white or navy blue undershirt. **The undershirt must be visible underneath when unzipped.** Quarter zips may **NOT** be worn over an oxford shirt/blouse on professional dress days.
- Khaki or navy blue chino pants, skorts, or blue plaid skirts falling at the knee from Lands' End Uniforms are to be worn at all times. The waistline will be located above the hip, buckled/snapped, and **NOT ROLLED/CUFFED/RIPPED**. The pant legs must be hemmed. Skorts panels must meet on the sides.
- Navy blue or khaki chino shorts purchased from Lands' End Uniforms may **ONLY** be worn in September, October, May, and June. Shorts must fall at the knee.
- *Navy Blue pants/shorts may not be worn with navy blue shirts!*
- No undergarments are to be visible, including the bottoms of undershirts. All clothing is to be modestly and properly fitted, clean, neat and pressed.
- A leather belt, brown or black in color, must be worn at all times with dress code pants/shorts. The belt buckle must be standard in size (not to exceed 1 ½" x 2" in area, with no ornate designs, studs, sequins, or patterns, and must be situated on the centerline of the torso.

YOUNG MEN'S DRESS CODE

- Short- or long-sleeved, polo shirts, Navy Blue or White, with the embroidered ND logo, purchased from Lands' End Uniforms. Students may choose to wear a solid white, short-sleeved t-shirt under the polo shirt. Polo shirts must be tucked in so the belt line can be seen and long enough to stay tucked while seated.
- Navy blue quarter zips with the embroidered ND logo may be worn with a solid white or navy blue undershirt. **The undershirt must be visible underneath when unzipped.** Quarter zips may **NOT** be worn over an oxford shirt/blouse on professional dress days.
- Khaki or navy blue chino pants from Lands' End Uniforms are to be worn at all times. The waistline will be located above the hip, buckled/snapped, and **NOT ROLLED/CUFFED/RIPPED**. The pant legs must be hemmed.
- Khaki or navy blue chino shorts purchased from Lands' End Uniforms may **ONLY** be worn in September, October, May, and June. Shorts must extend within 2" of the knee.
- *Navy Blue pants/shorts may not be worn with navy blue shirts!*
- No undergarments are to be visible, including the bottoms of undershirts. All clothing is to be modestly and properly fitted, clean, neat, and pressed.
- A leather belt, brown or black in color, must be worn at all times with dress code pants/shorts. The belt buckle must be standard in size (not to exceed 1 ½" x 2", with no ornate designs, studs, sequins, or patterns, and must be situated on the centerline of the torso.

"PROFESSIONAL DRESS UNIFORM"

- ***The "Professional Dress Uniform" is the mandatory form of dress on days when we attend Mass as a school, days of athletic competition, as well as at official events in which a student might be representing Notre Dame as directed by administration or coaching staff.***

- **For young ladies:** light blue Oxford-style blouse purchased from Lands’ End Uniforms. Blouses are to be buttoned (except for the top button), tucked in so the belt line can be seen, and long enough to stay tucked while seated. A student may choose to wear a solid white short-sleeved t-shirt under the blouse. ***Skorts may be worn, but pants and/or blue-plaid skirts are preferred on professional days.***
- **For young men:** light blue oxford-style dress shirts purchased from Lands’ End Uniforms with a Notre Dame tie. Dress shirts are to be buttoned, tucked in so the belt line can be seen, and long enough to stay tucked while seated. A student may choose to wear a solid white short-sleeved t-shirt under the dress shirt. Ties must be properly tied and drawn firmly at the neck.
- **Shorts may not be worn on professional dress days.**
- **Only dress shoes or boat shoes may be worn on professional dress days!**

UNIFORM SWEATERS

- The **only** authorized sweaters approved for wear are the Notre Dame uniform sweaters purchased from Lands’ End and may be worn at any time. All sweaters including V-neck and Cardigan are to be Navy Blue in color and will bear the embroidered Notre Dame logo. The wearing of hooded sweatshirts, athletic/team sweaters, crew-neck sweaters, and/or jackets in school is strictly prohibited.

SHOES

- Footwear is to be an enclosed dress shoe, boat shoe, or sneaker. The footwear is to be solid black, brown, or gray (including any logos, such as the Nike “swoosh”). Heels must be less than 2”. Footwear is always to be worn with socks, tights, or stockings. Socks should be solid black, white, or other neutral tones.
- Sandals and other open-toed shoes, slippers and slipper-style Uggs, high-top sneakers, boots of any kind (including Timberlands), “Crocs”, and clogs are **NOT** permitted for wear.

PERSONAL GROOMING

- Hair must be a natural color, neat, clean, and acceptably styled. Fads and trends are to be avoided.
- Hair should be combed or brushed, of acceptable length, and neat in appearance at all times. Hair should never be covering the eyes. For young men, hair is not to extend below the top of the collar, below the eyebrows, and not to extend below the bottom of the ear.
- Faces are to be clean-shaven at all times. Facial hair, including sideburns below the ears, is prohibited.
- Headbands may be worn, but not to exceed 1” in width, solid in color, no logos, and used only for the purpose of holding hair back from the face. Headbands extending below the top of the collar are prohibited.
- Hats, bandanas, and scarves are not permitted for wear inside the school building, including “dress-down” days, except for religious reasons.
- Earrings are to be worn in ears only and limited to one in each. Piercing jewelry on eyebrows, nose, tongue, or facial area other than the ear is prohibited. Only stud earrings are permitted. Hoops or chains are not permitted for purposes of ensuring student safety. Earlobe plugs are prohibited.

- Visible body markings and tattoos are not permitted or will be covered from view at all times with a long-sleeved shirt, pants, or socks. Gauze pads and/or bandages are not a substitute for this requirement.
- Excessive jewelry, including chains, is not permitted.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Only approved Notre Dame physical education uniform is permitted for wear in the physical education class. Failure to bring proper attire for physical education class will result in a grade of 0 for that class day.

"DRESS DOWN DAY"

- Students are expected to display modesty and good taste on dress-down days.
- The following are **always prohibited** for wear, including on dress-down days:
 - Jeans/pants with rips or holes above the knee.
 - Hats of any kind.
 - Strapless and sleeveless tops.
 - Low-cut tops, crop tops, tube tops, tank tops, and any form of clothing that reveals the belly button or stomach area.
 - Sandals, flip flops, open-backed, beach shoes, or slipper-type shoes.
 - Clothing of any kind that advertises or promotes alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances, or drinking establishments as well as those that contain messages of violence, questionable moral activity, and/or vulgar language.
- **All shorts, skirts, and skorts must fall at the knee.**
- **Spandex, Leggings, Yoga Pants, or similarly clinging material are prohibited unless worn under a dress or elongated top that extends to the tip of the fingers when standing straight.**