



## Junior-Senior High School Dress Code

2022-2023

### **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, both 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 dress code. 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 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 determination of 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 that uniform items from Flynn & O’Hara are still permissible for those who own them.*

## 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 may be worn year-round. 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.
- Short- or long-sleeved, oxford-style blouse, light blue or white, purchased from Lands' End Uniforms may also be worn year-round. 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. ***This will be referred to as the "Professional Dress Uniform" and will be the mandatory form of dress on Wednesdays from November 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.***
- Navy blue or khaki chino pants, skorts or blue plaid skirts extending within 2" of 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**. Pant legs must be hemmed. Panels must meet on sides.
- Navy blue or khaki chino shorts purchased from Lands' End Uniforms may ONLY be worn in the months of September, October, May, and June. Shorts must extend within 2" of the knee.
- 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 may be worn year-round. 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.
- Short- or long-sleeved, oxford-style dress shirts, light blue or white, purchased from Lands' End Uniforms may also be worn year-round, with 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. ***This will be referred to as the "Professional Dress Uniform" and will be the mandatory form of dress on Wednesdays from November 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.*

Optional navy-blue blazer with Notre Dame insignia also available.

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- Navy blue or khaki chino shorts purchased from Lands' End Uniforms may **ONLY** be worn in the months of September, October, May, and June. Shorts must extend within 2" of the knee.
- 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.

### **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, Cardigan, and Quarter Zip are to be Navy Blue in color and will bear the embroidered Notre Dame logo. If a sweater is worn, an approved ND polo shirt, oxford dress shirt, or blouse must be worn underneath it and must be visible at all times. The wearing of hooded sweatshirts, athletic/team sweaters, crew-neck sweaters, and/or jackets in school are strictly prohibited.

### **SHOES**

- Shoes are to be flat, solid brown or black in color, and may not contain logos. Sneakers are not permitted outside of physical education class unless accompanied by a medical excuse and approved by an administrator. Sandals, Uggs, cloth/canvas/net shoes, moccasins, "skateboard" shoes, high-tops, slippers, boots of any kind (including Timberlands), "crocks", and clogs are **NOT** permitted for wear. Socks are to be worn at all times and will be navy-blue, black, or white in color, free of designs, and striping.

### **PERSONAL GROOMING**

- Hair must be a natural color, neat, clean, and acceptably styled. Fads and trends such as Mohawks, spikes, "palm trees", ornate designs cut in scalp area and/or eyebrows are prohibited. Multiple hair colors, multi-color tinting, and the practice of coloring or dying hair purple, red, pink, white, blue, etc. is prohibited.
- 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, to include 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 of the school building, including "dress-down" days, except for religious reasons ONLY.
- Earrings are to be worn in ears only and limited to one in each. Piercing jewelry in 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 attire 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.

### **PROFESSIONAL DRESS DAYS**

- From November 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesdays are designated as Professional Dress Days. Students will wear Oxford Shirt & Tie or Oxford Blouse as prescribed above. This will also be the norm for days when we attend Mass as a school and when a student is representing Notre Dame at an official school event.

### **"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:
  - Spandex, Leggings, Yoga Pants, or similarly clinging material.
  - Jeans/pants with rips or holes in them.
  - Hats of any kind.
  - Strapless and sleeveless tops.
  - Low-cut tops, crop tops, tube tops, tank tops, and any other form of clothing that reveals the belly button or stomach area.
  - All shorts, skirts, skorts must still fall within 2" of the knee.
  - 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.