

Hillsdale Academy



Uniform Guidelines
2017/2018



Our school uniform seeks to achieve a handsome, business-like appearance for our students and to free them from fashion trends and peer pressure.

In our choice of the McIntyre tartan theme, we pay tribute to our patrons, Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. McIntyre. The only authorized emblem on clothing is the Hillsdale Academy logo, which is available at the Hillsdale College bookstore or Academy office. No other decoration or designation is allowed.

Uniform is to be worn at all times during the school day and on field trips unless special instructions are sent home. Hats are not allowed inside the building or at opening ceremony. Dress uniform is required every Wednesday and on special occasions. Dress code infractions will require that a parent bring approved clothing to the Academy office before a student may rejoin his class.

Uniform items can be purchased from the following suppliers:

- Schoolbelles: www.schoolbelles.com School code: S1666
- Lands' End: www.landsend.com (**non-plaid items only** – they do not carry McIntyre plaid) School code: 9001-1484-4

Academy logo patches can be purchased at the Academy front office (\$4) or the Hillsdale College Bookstore (\$5). Logos are sewn on the left side of polos and blazers.

Gently used items can be purchased from the Hillsdale Academy Parents Association (HAPA) USED UNIFORM CLOSET. The closet is run by parent volunteers and gently used items are always welcome. Parents may equal-exchange items at no cost. Other items can be purchased for a nominal fee and profits go to HAPA.

- **ALL clothing items must be labeled with your child's name.**
- All outerwear and bags should be modest and appropriate and **must be labeled with your child's name.**

SCHOOL CONCERT ATTIRE

- **Grades K-6:** *Sunday best!*
- **Grades 7-12:** Black on bottom; white on top.

GYM UNIFORMS

K-6: (Order shorts and t-shirts from one of the uniform providers) navy blue gym shorts and gray t-shirt with screen-printed logo, white socks, non-skid gym shoes, gym bag, and navy sweat suit.

Grades 7-12: Any navy athletic shorts (no longer than knee length), any gray t-shirt, white socks, non-skid gym shoes, gym bag, and navy sweat suit.

- **Swimming suit for grades K-7** any color (for girls, one-piece only).

General Guidelines for All Students

The uniform is in place to create a business-like atmosphere conducive to serious study and to avoid distractions and disruptions.

- **The student needs to be in proper uniform before he/she walks into the building in order to be ready for the school day.**
- **Dress shoes only** (black, navy, dark brown – one colored shoe). Boots, sandals, athletic shoes, and moccasins, are not permitted. **Non-skid soles and laces, if applicable, must be dark in color.** **Girls (Grades 6-12)** Heels are discouraged: no higher than 1 inch. See back page for examples.
- **Belts** should be solid black, brown, or navy and be worn at all times with dress pants or shorts.
- **Socks/tights** – All crew-socks worn with pants or shorts are to be neutral in color and should not have any designs (*See Boys 7-12 for exceptions). Neutral is tan, white, navy or black. Tights and/or knee socks must be worn with skirts and/or jumpers and will only be navy, white, or black. Tights and knee socks should be opaque material, not hosiery, and they should not be patterned.
- **Khaki dress slacks** – No cargoes or patch-pocket jeans-style pants; no gray tones or off-white. No flap pockets.
- **Polos** – All polo shirts, whether short- or long-sleeved, or white or navy, whether worn under a sweater or not, **MUST** have an Academy patch.
- **Blazers** also must have a patch.
- **T-shirts** worn as undergarments must be white.

- **(Boys)** Facial hair and body piercing is not allowed. Hair dye is discouraged; natural colors only.
- **(Girls)** Because every body type is different, appropriate skirt length can be difficult to determine. To eliminate confusion, we are establishing 2" above the kneecap as the appropriate uniform skirt length. Please be sure that any alterations are completed well in advance of our first chapel day or the first time the skirt is worn. **Makeup, nail polish, and jewelry** (earrings, necklaces, bracelets, headbands), should be simple and discreet – no wild colors or designs. Hair dye and/or extensions (beads/feathers, etc.) are discouraged; natural colors only.
- **On casual dress days**, which are optional, all students should wear modest, school-appropriate clothing. No muscle shirts, objectionable designs, sweatpants, wind pants, Yoga pants, leggings or spandex. Clothes that are tight in fit or have objectionable designs are not acceptable. No tops that show the midriff, tank-tops, spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, or sheer overlay blouses. **NO HATS!**
 - ◊ **Summer: In the lower school**, shorts (K-6 only) and sandals *with* a back strap are allowed. No flip-flops. **In the upper school**, modest and appropriate Capri pants are acceptable. No shorts are allowed. Backless sandals or shoes *are* allowed. No flip-flops.

Plan of enforcement:

- All Academy community is made aware of uniform regulations and expectations
- First infraction: policy reminder and email home to the parent
- Second infraction: student cannot go to class until in proper uniform.

Boys Grades K-6

REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM

This is the dress uniform required for Wednesdays (Chapel Day) and any other special occasion announced by the headmaster.

The dress uniform may also be worn every day.

- Navy dress slacks (ordered from one of the uniform providers)
- Long- or short-sleeved white Oxford shirt with buttoned-down collar
- Hunter green v-neck sweater or v-neck vest *with logo patch* (**Educational Outfitters or Schoolbelles only** – Lands' End color does not match)
- Belt, dress crew socks, *dress shoes*

YEAR ROUND UNIFORM OPTIONS

- White turtleneck pullovers – (worn with hunter green sweater or vest *with logo patch*).
- Navy blue polo shirt (long-sleeved) *with logo patch* to be worn with khaki dress pants only; white polo shirt (long-sleeved) *with logo patch* worn with either blue or khaki pants
- Khaki pants

SUMMER OPTIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Fridays – summer only (effective beginning of school through the last school day of October, and again upon return to class after spring break through end-of-year).

- Short-sleeved Polo Shirt (*w/logo patch*): white (worn with navy pants) or navy blue (worn with khaki pants only)
- Navy uniform shorts (Educational Outfitters, Schoolbelles, or Lands' End only)
- Khaki uniform shorts (Educational Outfitters, Schoolbelles, or Lands' End only)

Boys Grades 7-12

REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM

This is the dress uniform required for **Wednesdays** (Chapel Day) and any other special occasion announced by the headmaster. The dress uniform may be worn every day.

- Khaki dress slacks
- Long- or short-sleeved **white** Oxford shirt with buttoned-down collar
- Academy tie (Educational Outfitters or Schoolbelles)
- Navy blazer *with logo patch*
- Belt, *dress* crew socks, plain or of *modest design – not to include pictures or themes. No *white* socks (9-12). *Dress* shoes (**black, navy, brown** – one colored shoe) **Non-skid soles and laces, if applicable, must be dark in color.**

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YEAR ROUND UNIFORM OPTIONS

- Short- or long-sleeved light blue Oxford button-down shirt with Academy tie
- Academy letter sweaters
- Academy navy v-neck cardigan sweater *with logo patch*
- Solid navy blue sweater with Oxford shirt (*no logo patch required*)
- White or navy polo shirt (long-sleeved) *with logo patch*

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- Short-sleeved Polo Shirt (*w/logo patch*): white or navy blue

Girls Grades K-6

REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM

This is the dress uniform required for **Wednesdays** (Chapel Day) and any other special occasion announced by the headmaster. The dress uniform may be worn every day.

- **Girls K-4:**
 - Plaid *jumper* (Educational Outfitters or Schoolbelles)
 - Short- or long-sleeve white broad-cloth blouse with *Peter Pan collar*
 - Navy, long-sleeve, v-neck cardigan *with logo patch*
 - *Dress shoes and socks*
- **Girls 5-6:**
 - Plaid *skirt* (Educational Outfitters or Schoolbelles)
 - Short- or long-sleeve white *Oxford shirt with button-down collar*
 - Navy, long-sleeve, v-neck cardigan or navy, v-neck vest *with logo patch*
 - *Dress shoes and socks*

YEAR ROUND UNIFORM OPTIONS

In addition to all of the items listed under the “required” uniform section, the following items may be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Fridays year round.

- Khaki dress slacks
- White polo shirt (long-sleeved) *with logo patch*
- Navy blue polo shirt (long-sleeved) *with logo patch* (not to be worn with the K-4 jumper)
- Plain white turtleneck pullovers—must be worn with navy cardigan or vest *with logo patch* when worn with khaki pants.
- Navy blue or black *leggings* may be worn under the skirt/jumper for warmth.

SUMMER OPTIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Fridays—summer only (effective beginning of school through the last school day of October, and again upon return to class after spring break through end-of-year).

- Short-sleeved Polo Shirt: white or navy blue (worn with khaki only) with *Academy logo patch*
- **(Grades K-6)** navy uniform shorts (Educational Outfitters, Schoolbelles, or Lands’ End only)
- **(Grades K-6)** khaki uniform shorts (Educational Outfitters, Schoolbelles, or Lands’ End only)

Girls Grades 7-12

REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM

This is the dress uniform required for **Wednesdays** (Chapel Day) and any other special occasion announced by the headmaster. The dress uniform may be worn every day.

- Plaid Skirt
- Short- or long-sleeve **white** Oxford shirt with button-down collar
- Navy blazer *with logo patch*
- *Dress shoes* (black, navy, brown – one colored shoe) and tights or knee-high socks

YEAR ROUND UNIFORM OPTIONS

In addition to all of the items listed under the “required” uniform section, the following items may be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Fridays year round.

- Khaki dress slacks
- Belt and socks need to be worn with pants
- Short- or long-sleeved light blue Oxford button-down shirt *with navy blue sweater*
- Academy letter sweaters
- Academy navy v-neck cardigan sweater *with logo patch*
- Solid navy blue sweater with Oxford shirt (*no logo patch required*)
- White or navy polo shirt (long-sleeved) *with logo patch*

SUMMER OPTIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – summer only (effective beginning of school through the last school day of October, and again upon return to class after spring break through end-of-year).

- White or navy polo shirt (short-sleeved) with Academy *logo patch*.

EXAMPLES of acceptable and unacceptable shoes

Acceptable Boys Shoes



Unacceptable Boys Shoes



Acceptable Girls Shoes



Unacceptable Girls Shoes

