

2023 – 2024 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 (white, blue, yellow, pink) available only at Blake's. Polo shirts must have the ND shield logo.
- 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 worn over an approved uniform shirt.
- Flat front, tan/khaki pants may be purchased at Blake's or at the store of your choice. Seniors are permitted to wear navy blue pants.
- Belts (Black or Brown) and solid dress socks (Black, Brown, Navy Blue) are required.
- Shoes: Solid color tan, dark brown or black dress shoes with closed toes. Shoes must be below the ankle with a full back and rigid heel and sole. Slippers, boots, moccasins, sneakers, Vans, Crocs or any shoe with a furry edge, canvas shoes or flip-flops are not permitted. All shoelaces must be tied. (No shoe passes)
- Conservative scarves may be worn with approval. Hats and du-rags are not permitted.
- Hair must be neat and professionally appropriate. Extreme types of haircuts and/or color are not permitted. Hair color must not deviate beyond the normal hair color range of the student. Designs cut, shaved, or dyed into one's hair are also not permitted. Any student who comes to school with an unacceptable hairstyle according to the above standards or a hairstyle that causes a distraction to the learning process, may be kept out of academic classes until the hairstyle meets the proper guidelines. The ND administration reserves the right to make a final determination on unacceptable hairstyles.
- Tattoos must be covered.
- 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). 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 or ND Spirit Wear are not permitted in the classroom. Outerwear or ND Spirit Wear must be stored in school lockers before school begins. 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:

- Flat front, tan/ khaki pants may be purchased at Blake's or at the store of your choice. Seniors can wear navy blue pants. No sweatpants, cargo pants, jeans-style, or other external pockets are allowed. Pants should be hemmed, properly fit and worn at waist with belt.

- All boys must be clean-shaven (no facial hair). Repeated violation of this policy will result in suspension. Doctor's notes will not be accepted.
- Hair length may not touch the shirt collar. See Hairstyles in "all Students."

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 khaki pants daily.

- Flat front tan/ khaki pants may be purchased at Blake's or at the store of your choice. No tight-fitting/ clingy pants, yoga pants, sweatpants, cargo-pants, skinny jeans, or jeans-style, low-rise pants or other external pockets are allowed. Pants should be hemmed, properly fit and worn at waist with belt.
- Solid dress socks (white, navy blue, or black) to the mid-calf or knee or tights must be worn. Peds/ankle/low socks and fish-net style are not permitted.

Uniform Penalties/Sanctions

Students who elect to not 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 including the following:

- Meeting with the Assistant Principal. Students new to the school will discuss the violation(s) and make a uniform adjustment by the next school day.
- Uniform violations may result in students being removed from classes. In addition, students will be required to attend a Saturday Academy.
- Repeated uniform violations will result in an external suspension.
- If chronic uniform violations persist, a disciplinary review will take place and the student will be subject to expulsion from Notre Dame High School.

Dress Down Day Guidelines

- On announced days, students may wear casual, but neat and clean attire.
- Jeans, sneakers, sweatshirts are acceptable as long as they are in presentable condition. Shorts may be worn, but only Bermuda style-knee length.
- Please do not wear any of the following on dress down days: torn, dirty jeans, pajamas, T-shirts with inappropriate messages/words, tank tops, mid-riffs, halters, mini-skirts or shorts, or clothing that is excessively short, immodest or tight-fitting. Both shoulders must be covered and tops must be longer than your waist.

Notre Dame Administration reserve the right to rule on final interpretation of acceptable and appropriate attire and appearance.