

**ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL
UNIFORM POLICY
School Year 2020-2021**

Why a uniform? Students' proclamation of self comes through actions and words rather than through clothing fads of the times. The policy for uniforms at Ascension School is developed and supported by the Ascension Administrative Team, Teachers, and the Education Commission. Students in grades kindergarten through eight are expected to follow the Ascension School dress code policy, and parents are requested to provide the needed impetus for successful compliance. A student who deliberately does not comply with the dress code will receive a detention. Continued disregard of the dress code policy could result in suspension or expulsion. ***Final decisions will be made by the Administration.***

Where are uniforms purchased? Uniforms may be purchased from Educational Apparel. We ask that no replicas from other sources be worn. Information is available in the office. The Ascension PTO provides a "Used Uniform SWAP" program at various points throughout the year.

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- JUMPERS/SKIRTS** Approved **plaid** jumper for grades kindergarten through 5 only. Approved **plaid** skirts may be worn by grades 6-8. Plaid jumpers and skirts must be ordered from Education Apparel and must be no more than two inches above the bottom of the knee. Navy blue uniform shorts or navy blue bicycle shorts are encouraged to be worn under the jumper or skirt. Shorts may not be longer than the jumper or skirt.
- SKORTS** Navy blue uniform skorts may be worn in grades kindergarten through 8 and purchased through the uniform company. Skorts must be no more than six inches above the bottom of the kneecap.
- PANTS** Navy blue uniform pants are the **only** pants that may be worn for grades kindergarten through 8. "Jeans styling" (such as top-stitching, patch pockets, low-rise waistline, Brand-name pants such as *Abercrombie, Limited Too, American Eagle*, etc.) are not approved uniforms and are not acceptable uniform attire for any grade level. **No leggings.**
- SHORTS** Navy blue uniform shorts are the **only** shorts that may be worn for grades kindergarten through 8. **Shorts must be no more than 6 inches from the bottom of the kneecap. Shorts are not permitted second and third quarter of the school year. No leggings.**
- BELTS** Brown, black, or navy belts must be worn with uniform pants and shorts beginning in grades 6 and through grade 8. Belts must be visible without ornamentation (no studs, ornamentation, extra large holes, or oversized belt buckles).
- SHIRTS** Only solid white, light blue, or red knit polo shirts (long or short sleeve) with collar may be worn. Girls may wear the feminine fit style of the polo shirt. Oxford button down shirts/Dacron/Cotton style shirts may be worn in white or light blue. Undershirts and T-shirts worn under uniform shirts or PE shirts must be white without lettering. ***Shirts must be tucked in at all times.***
- BLOUSES** Cotton, oxford cloth short or long sleeve) in white or light blue may be worn. **NOTE:** White "Peter Pan" collar blouses may be worn **ONLY** under jumpers.

SWEATERS	Solid navy blue, red, white or gray cardigan, vest, or pullover may be worn over a uniform blouse, or shirt. No Turtlenecks.
SWEATSHIRTS	School sweatshirts with the letter "A" logo from the uniform company may be worn in grades K-8. ONLY Ascension Hoodies may be worn by grades 6-8 during the school day and they may not have any rips or tears in them. The head must be uncovered at all times during the school day. Collared uniform shirts must be worn underneath.
SOCKS/TIGHTS	Quarter, crew, tube or knee high socks in red, white, navy, black, or gray may be worn. While we recommend that socks have no logos, socks with small logos less than 2" in length will be allowed. Socks must be visible above the shoe top regardless of the style of shoe worn. No ankle, ped socks or hosiery may be worn. Solid colored tights in red, navy, white, or gray may be worn under the uniform jumper, school, or short. No leggings may be worn.
SHOES	Rubber, non-marking soled tennis or gym type shoes with ties and/or Velcro closings may be worn. Sandals, clogs, flip-flops, shoes with wheels are not permitted. <i>Only shoes with non-marking soles are permitted in the PAC to avoid damage to the gym floor. (Leather soled shoes are never permitted on the gym floor.)</i> Boots are not permitted during the school day. They may be worn outside during recess but need to be removed and replaced once in the classroom. Fashion boots are not permitted. No open toed, open heeled or high heeled shoes are to be worn. Shoes must be tied.
JEWELRY	Fashion necklaces, pins, rings and bracelets are not permitted, including the rubber bracelets for causes. Christian religious jewelry may be worn (crosses, Guardian Angel pins, etc.). For safety reasons, only post earrings may be worn. Cords or rope necklaces may not be worn around the neck as they can be hazardous on the playground and during P.E. classes. One earring may be worn per ear to school. Smartwatches are not permitted.
COSMETICS	<u>Fingernail polish may not be worn. Fake nails are not permitted.</u> No makeup may be worn in grades kindergarten through 6. Girls in grades 7 & 8 may wear <u>light</u> facial makeup. Facial glitter is <u>not</u> permitted.
HAIR	No extreme hair styles or cuts. No hair coloring. For boys, hair needs to be above the collar. (Administrator's discretion)
GUM	Gum chewing is not allowed on school property.
P.E. CLASS	All students in grades 4-8 are required to wear the approved P.E. uniform from Greenleaf Printing beginning 2018-2019. Girls wearing jumpers must have shorts under the skirt on P.E. days. Ascension PE Sweatpants for 2 nd and 3 rd quarter for 4-8. T-shirts and undershirts worn under P.E. shirts must be white without lettering. P.E. All Grades: Gym shoes with tie or Velcro and socks must be worn. Only post earrings may be worn in gym class; no dangles or hoops.
HATS	Hats must be removed before entering the school building. Bandanas as head coverings are not permitted.

DRESS UP/ CASUAL DAYS /SPIRIT DAYS

Casual pants, including jeans, may be worn on Casual Days. "Yoga" pants/leggings may not be worn. Shorts and skirts must be no more than six inches from the bottom of the kneecap. Dress shoes and sandals with straps (not flip-flops) are permitted. Tank tops, crop tops, midriff tops, low cut tops, tops with spaghetti straps, or low slung pants are not acceptable attire for Dress up or Casual Days. If clothing worn to school is deemed inappropriate by the Administration, parents may be called and/or used uniforms may replace the inappropriate clothing. The Administrator's decision in these matters is final. Ascension Spiritwear may be worn on designated Spirit Days with uniform pants or shorts. Students may wear their Ascension sport jerseys only if it is labeled in some manner with Ascension School or Ascension Knights.

MASS/HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION/SPECIAL VISITORS DRESS CODE

Students will be asked to attend school in the official school uniforms when attending church during Friday school masses and Holy Days of Obligation. Students will be reminded at school. If they have P.E. they will not wear their P.E. uniform that day at school.

Please label your child's belongings with their first and last name. Lunch boxes, jackets, sweaters, and school sweatshirts are some of the most "misplaced" items.

Lost and Found

A "Lost and Found" area is maintained in the school office. Unclaimed items will be sent to charitable organizations in need on a quarterly basis.

