

Ashley River Classical Academy 2025- 2026 Uniform Policy

Uniform and Personal Appearance

A school uniform is crucial to a successful classical school, accomplishing three key goals. First, it diminishes the burden of thinking about clothing and fashion, which can become all-encompassing for many students. This removes distractions in the classroom and increases focus on the task at hand. Second, it helps students take school more seriously by acknowledging that, through dress, we respect fellow classmates, teachers, and the common enterprise of education. Third, it develops school identity and pride. All students are, therefore, expected to adhere to the school uniform policy.

When questions about particular aspects of the uniform arise, the student is expected to follow the general and leading spirit of the policy, which is to diminish distractions, show respect, and elevate the tenor of the school.

Students must be in uniform in order to attend class. Students not in uniform will be sent to the office. The office will keep a limited inventory of basic uniform items that a student may be permitted to wear in order to meet uniform requirements and return to class (in most cases, with a tardy slip). Loaned items will be carefully tracked and must be returned in clean, like-new condition. In the event that the office does not have appropriate uniform items for a student out of uniform, the student must call a parent or guardian. Parents will either bring acceptable attire, or students will be sent home. These absences are not excused.

Max and Alice is the sole uniform provider for ALL uniform pieces. The uniform and dress code policy is that students will dress according to the mandatory and optional items listed on the Board-approved uniform policy for boys and girls, respectively, plus the following series of directives. Basic details for the school uniform, including ordering information, can be found on the Ashley River Classical Academy website.

Uniform Guide

Boys (Grades K-5th)

Standard Uniform Days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Required	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embroidered navy, white, or orange polo shirt ● Khaki or navy bottoms (long pants or shorts) ● Black, navy, or white socks ● Black or brown belt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embroidered solid navy cardigan ● Embroidered solid navy v-neck sweatshirt ● Embroidered solid navy fleece jacket ● Embroidered solid navy quarter zip up jacket

Formal Uniform Day (Every Wednesday)

Required	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embroidered white Oxford shirt ● Khaki bottoms (long pants or shorts) ● Tie or bowtie from Max & Alice ● Black, navy, or white socks ● Black or brown belt ● Solid black, white, or navy shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solid black, white, navy, or brown dress shoes ● Embroidered solid navy vest with Oxford shirt, tie or bowtie from Max & Alice ● Embroidered solid navy v-neck sweater (with polo or Oxford shirt underneath) ● Embroidered solid navy fleece jacket

Spirit Days - Administration will communicate these days

Required	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embroidered navy, white, or orange polo shirt ● Khaki or navy bottoms (long pants or shorts) ● Black, navy, or white socks ● Black or brown belt ● Solid black, white, or navy shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spirit shirt ● Embroidered solid navy cardigan ● Embroidered solid navy v-neck sweater (with polo or Oxford shirt underneath) ● Embroidered solid navy fleece jacket ● Embroidered solid navy quarter zip up jacket

Girls (Grades K-5th)

Standard Uniform Days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Required	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embroidered navy, white, or orange polo shirt ● Khaki bottoms (long pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts) ● Black, navy, or white socks ● Black or brown belt ● Solid black, white, or navy shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plaid skirt/skort from Max & Alice ● Plaid jumper with peter pan shirt underneath from Max & Alice (K-1 only) ● Embroidered solid navy cardigan ● Embroidered solid navy v-neck sweatshirt ● Embroidered solid navy fleece jacket

Formal Uniform Day (Every Wednesday)

Required	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embroidered white Oxford shirt ● Cross tie from Max & Alice ● Khaki bottoms ● Black, navy, or white socks ● Black or brown belt ● Solid black, white, or navy shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plaid skirt/skort from Max & Alice ● Plaid jumper with peter pan shirt underneath from Max & Alice (K-1 only) ● Embroidered solid navy cardigan ● Embroidered solid navy v-neck sweater with white shirt polo or peter pan shirt underneath ● Embroidered solid navy fleece jacket ● Embroidered solid navy athletic jacket

Spirit Days - Administration will communicate these days

Required	Optional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embroidered navy, white, or orange polo shirt ● Khaki or navy bottoms ● Black, navy, or white socks ● Black or brown belt ● Solid black, white, or navy shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spirit shirt ● Embroidered solid navy cardigan ● Embroidered solid navy v-neck sweater with white shirt polo or Oxford shirt underneath ● Embroidered solid navy fleece jacket ● Embroidered solid navy quarter zip up

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Additional Uniform Requirements:

Shirts/Undershirts

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Navy, white, or orange polo shirts with the embroidered school logo must be worn at all times.
- The top button may remain unbuttoned; however, all other buttons must be fastened.
- Undergarments must not be visible.
- Long-sleeve shirts may not be worn under short-sleeve polo shirts.

Outerwear

- Solid navy jackets with the school logo embroidered on the left chest are permitted indoors and outdoors during cool weather.
- Heavy jackets, sweaters, or outerwear with hoods are not allowed inside the building. Non-ARCA outerwear must remain in backpacks during the school day.
- During the winter, winter gear may be worn only while transitioning between buildings outdoors, during recess, or during physical education.
- ARCA-branded outerwear in approved school colors and logos is allowed in classrooms.

Pants, Shorts, Skirts, and Skorts

- Khaki bottoms must be worn at the natural waist.
- Skirts require black or navy-blue shorts underneath.
- Leggings or tights may be worn under skirts or skorts but must be ankle-length or footed and solid navy, white, or black. Leggings are not to be worn without other bottoms.
- Grades 1–5 must wear bottoms with belt loops and a plain black or brown belt.
- Elastic-waist bottoms are allowed for kindergarten students only.
- Cargo pants, joggers, and jeans are not permitted.

Jumpers

- Jumpers are permitted for kindergarten and first-grade girls only.
- Plaid jumpers must be worn with a white Unisex Oxford shirt and display the school logo.
- Black or navy-blue shorts or tights must be worn underneath.

Hair

- Hair accessories must be navy blue, orange, or white.
- Hats, bandanas, and scarves are not allowed unless for documented religious purposes.
- Hair must not be a distraction to the learning environment or to oneself or others.

Shoes

- Tennis shoes must be solid white, navy, or black (white detailing is acceptable).
- Students must wear tennis shoes for PE. Please consider how long it takes for children to change shoes when preparing for PE.
- Oxford or 'Mary Jane'-style shoes are permitted on non-PE days.
- Crocs, flip-flops, slippers, slides, and open-toe shoes are not permitted.

Socks

- Solid black, navy, or white socks of any length are required.
- Solid navy or black tights may be worn under jumpers or skorts.
- Clothing with holes, fraying, fading, camouflage, tie-dye, or sleeveless designs is not allowed.

Jewelry

- Students may wear no more than two necklaces at a time.
- Girls may wear no more than two earrings per ear.
- Jewelry items with non-jewelry purposes (e.g., chains or collars) are prohibited.
- Body piercings, facial piercings, gauges, and visible tattoos are not permitted.

Other

- Colognes, perfumes, or substances with strong scents are prohibited.
- Makeup must appear natural. Black nail polish or lipstick is not allowed.