



UNIFORM POLICY

Uniforms are worn at Notre Dame Academy to promote a sense of community and belonging. Our uniform policy helps students remember that they are all part of God's family and are valued members of a remarkable community. Collectively, the uniform policy helps to create our learning culture, laying the foundation for students to grow intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. It is one of many tools at NDA that will help students eventually discover and develop their God-given gifts, talents and purpose in life. All students in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade are required to wear uniforms during the school day.

For the sake of family convenience, Notre Dame Academy uses two uniform vendors: Lands' End, an online order option, and Educational Outfitters, a local store option. *All uniform pieces* (with the exception of socks, tights and shoes) must be purchased from one of our vendors or from the used uniform selection at NDA. Certain items, as noted in **red** in the uniform chart, are available only through **Lands' End**.

As parents of Catholic school students, please use your discretion when assisting your children with selecting their daily attire. All uniforms should be neat, clean, in good condition and appropriately sized. School administration reserves the right to determine if attire, hair, makeup and overall appearance are acceptable. In instances where the policy is not followed correctly, students will be asked to change into an approved piece from our used uniform selection, or a parent may be called. We appreciate your support and compliance.

Please note, the Mass uniform includes required pieces. It may be worn any day of the week, but it is mandatory for Mass days and special events that are communicated by school staff. A logoed fleece may be worn for Mass days, but is not required. Optional uniform items are available for regular uniform days.



Elementary Girls (K-5)	Middle School Girls (6-8)
Required Mass Uniform Pieces	Required Mass Uniform Pieces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plaid jumper ● White polo or peter pan collar top (long or short sleeves, the logo is not required under the jumper) ● Navy tights, leggings or bike shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plaid skirt ● Navy polo (long or short sleeves) ● Navy tights, leggings or bike shorts
<i>Optional Items</i>	<i>Optional Items</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy, gray, maize polo (long or short sleeves) ● Navy pants or shorts ● Plaid skort ● Navy or maize sweater vest ● Maize cardigan sweater ● Navy fleece jacket ● White tights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White, gray, maize polo (long or short sleeves) ● Navy or khaki pants or shorts ● Plaid skort ● Navy or maize sweater vest ● Maize cardigan sweater ● Navy fleece jacket ● White tights
Elementary Boys (K-5)	Middle School Boys (6-8)
Required Mass Uniform Pieces	Required Mass Uniform Pieces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White polo (long or short sleeves) ● Navy pants or shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White polo (long or short sleeves) ● Navy pants or shorts
<i>Optional Items</i>	<i>Optional Items</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy, gray, maize polo (long or short sleeves) ● Navy or maize sweater vest ● Maize cardigan sweater ● Navy fleece jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Navy, gray, maize polo (long or short sleeves) ● Khaki pants or shorts ● Navy or maize sweater vest ● Maize cardigan sweater ● Navy fleece jacket

Items in **red** are only available through **Lands' End**.



Uniform Attire

Tops:

- *All tops* (polos, sweaters, and fleece) are *required* to have an *NDA logo*. The exception being tops worn underneath jumpers or a logoed garment (as long as the logoed item remains on throughout the school day).
- All polo shirts must be long enough to remain tucked in at all times.
- Plain white t-shirts may be worn under uniform shirts (no lettering or graphics).

Bottoms:

- *Approved uniform shorts* may be worn from *April 1st through October 31st*.
- Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist, above the hips.
- Navy leggings or opaque navy or white tights must be worn under skirts, jumpers and skorts at all times. From *April 1st - October 31st*, navy bike shorts may be substituted under skirts and jumpers, and skorts may be worn alone.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts and jumpers must be as long as a student's fingertips with their arms and hands fully extended down by their sides.
- Leggings may not be worn as pants.

Socks:

- Socks must be worn at all times, compliment uniform attire, and be in good condition.
- Socks that clearly look out of place or inappropriate will not be permitted.
- With skirts, navy/plaid skorts, and jumpers, girls should wear ankle or knee-high socks in the colors of white or navy. A uniform plaid ruffle sock is also acceptable.
- With navy shorts and pants, students should wear solid socks in the colors of white, navy, or black. Grades 6-8 may wear brown or khaki with khaki pants, shorts and skorts.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be neat and clean-soled without a heel. No open-toe or open-heel shoes, clogs, Crocs, sandals or boots. No wheels or lights.
- Appropriate footwear is required for Physical Education class: sneakers, basketball, or any other athletic shoe with non-marking soles.

Accessories and Physical Appearance:

- Belts are optional, but if worn should be brown, black, navy or khaki (grades 6-8).
- The uniform fleece full zips and $\frac{1}{2}$ zip pullovers may be worn at any time.
- Jackets are to be kept in lockers and not worn during the school day.
- Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn during the school day unless authorized for special events.
- Hair should be clean and well groomed; hair should not be dyed an unnatural color.
- Makeup and jewelry should be appropriate for school and not create a distraction.



NDA's Gently Used Uniforms:

- Gently used uniforms are donated to school year round; therefore, the inventory constantly changes.
- Used uniforms are an inexpensive way to supplement your child's school wardrobe; they cost a few dollars each.
- Used uniforms are a great way to see what size or style works well for your child, prior to ordering new pieces online.
- Please stop by the school office if you are interested in NDA's used uniforms.

Non-Uniform Attire

Spirit Wear Fridays:

- Students earned the opportunity to wear NDA spirit wear on *Fridays* following the successful spring Marathon.
- Spirit wear is a choice and includes items like NDA t-shirts, NDA band shirts, NDA Math League shirts, or Lions mascot logoed items.
- Spirit wear items may be purchased in the school office, through certain school activities, and through seasonal athletic department sales.
- Students may wear uniform bottoms, jeans, track pants, and shorts of appropriate length (*April 1st - October 31st*) with their spirit wear tops.
- They may also wear NDA logoed flannel pants, but they cannot wear other pajama bottoms. Students are not allowed to wear leggings or skin-tight jeans as pants.
- If your child chooses not to wear their NDA gear, then they are choosing to wear their uniform. It is *not* an out of uniform day, but a spirit wear day.

Non-Uniform Days:

- Non-uniform clothing should reflect Catholic values with respect to graphics, lettering and physical fit.
- Ripped or torn clothing is not allowed.
- Clothing with alcohol/tobacco logos and/or inappropriate language is also not allowed.
- A shirt *must* be worn over or under all tank tops. This applies to both boys and girls.
- Shorts of appropriate length may only be worn from *April 1st-October 31st*.
- Socks must be worn at all times.



Required Mass Uniform Piece Examples:



NDA UNIFORM VENDORS

Lands' End

Website: <http://www.landsend.com>

Click on School.

Click on Find My School.

You have a choice to enter our school information or school number (900156605).

Enter our # or our school name and location. Click on Search By Address.

Select Notre Dame Academy.

By selecting your child's gender and grade, you can create a profile for him/her specifically.

This way, only the approved uniform pieces for NDA at that grade level will be displayed.

Certain uniform pieces are only supplied by **Lands' End** (refer to the **red** items in the uniform chart).

Local Lands' End Inlet

12431 Wayzata Blvd.

Minnetonka, MN 55305

952-542-2061

*This is a great way to try on sizes, but pieces will still need to be ordered online.

Educational Outfitters

6002 Excelsior Blvd.

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

952-927-6778