

OUR STANDARD DRESS

2016-2017

The dress code guidelines detailed below apply to the school day as well as any extra-curricular activities such as games, concerts, programs or other school-sponsored activities. For the sake of continuity and fairness, **all uniform clothing worn by students must be purchased from Arthur's by Dennis Uniforms, our uniform provider. There are to be NO substitutions or exceptions. Students who come to school in attire not purchased through Dennis Uniforms will not be allowed to attend class.**

1. For specific *Standard Dress* items including shirts/blouses/slacks/jumpers/skirts/sweaters and vests, please refer to the Arthur's by Dennis Uniforms order form; **copies are available at the School Office.**
2. Sizing: Please ensure you order a large enough size uniform. Tight clothing will not be permitted, and could require the purchase of additional clothing (if so determined by Administration).
3. Sizing: All trousers/skirts are to be worn at the waistline. If oversize is purchased enabling trousers/skirts to be worn on hips, the purchase of additional clothing will be required.

Elementary Girls

1. **Footwear:**
 - a. For safety reasons, all elementary girls will wear shoes or sneakers. No lace up boots, sandals, flip-flops, basketball type high-tops, or high-heels/platform shoes greater than 1½ inches will be allowed.
 - b. Girls must wear socks or tights at all times.
 - c. Only 6th grade girls may wear nylons.
 - d. Shoes/sneakers must be fully laced and tied.
 - e. All athletic shoes/gym shoes/sneakers intended to be worn in the gym for P.E. or recess must be a non-skid, non-marking shoe so as not to mark the gym floor. White-soled shoes are recommended, but regardless, parents must make sure when they are purchasing shoes that they comply with the non-marking stipulation.
2. **Skirts, Shirts, Sweaters and Jackets:**
 - a. Outer apparel such as coats, jackets, and hoodies may be worn to school and utilized for outdoor related activities, ***but they may not be worn in the classrooms.***
 - b. All coats, jackets, etc. must not have a worldly theme.
 - c. Only the *Dennis* cardigan sweater, sleeveless V-neck vest or V-neck pullover may be worn **over** the school shirt for additional warmth in the classroom during the school day.
 - d. Long sleeve shirts are not to be worn under the short sleeved Polo shirt. *Dennis sells a long sleeve Polo shirt for the colder months.*
 - e. Skirts/jumpers are to come below the knee when sitting and standing. Female students are not to purchase skirts/jumpers that are intentionally too short. Skirts are to be worn at the waistline; rolling or hiking of the skirt is not permitted.
 - f. Elementary girls may wear the Polo, Oxford, or Peter-Pan shirt.
 - g. The Polo shirt does not need to be tucked in, and the top two buttons may be left unbuttoned.
 - h. The Oxford and Peter-Pan shirt must be tucked in, and only the top button may be left unbuttoned.
 - i. Any garment worn under the GBS shirt is not to hang out below the hem, and should not be of such a color or design that it is visible through the GBS shirt.
 - j. Because elementary girls wear their normal school clothes during recess, ***all elementary girls must wear shorts under their skirts or jumpers.***
 - k. Only K4 and K5 girls are allowed to wear the skirt, or they may wear the jumper. Girls in 1st through 4th grade will wear the jumper. In 5th grade girls may wear the jumper or the Dennis skirt. In 6th – 12th all girls will wear the Dennis skirt.
3. **Hair:**
 - a. Hair color should look natural. Unusual hairstyles, unnatural colors or unusual streaking of the hair or tying in strings, beads or feathers, etc. is not permitted.
 - b. Subtle and tasteful highlighting is permitted, but the Administration reserves the right to decide what is subtle and tasteful.

- c. Any hair with unusual coloring or streaking must be repaired by either dyeing or cutting. Therefore, young ladies should be careful before applying a hair coloring product that may be difficult to remove. The Administration reserves the right to decide on the appropriateness of this issue.
- 4. **Jewelry and Make-up:**
 - a. Earrings are limited to two earrings per ear. For safety reasons earrings are not to be larger than 1 inch below the bottom of the ear lobe.
 - b. Piercing any part of the body other than the ear is prohibited.
 - c. Make-up may be worn, but only in moderation. Female students will be asked to remove make-up that is excessive.
 - d. Tattoos, both real and artificial, are not permitted.
 - e. Writing on oneself or others is not permitted.

Secondary Girls

All of the above guidelines for Elementary Girls apply to Secondary Girls with the following modifications.

- 1. **Footwear:**
 - a. Secondary girls must wear a dress shoe or Docker/Sperry type shoe; however, lace up tennis shoes of any kind (Converse, Keds, etc.) or high-heels/platform shoes greater than 1½ inches are not permitted.
 - b. Footwear is not to be excessively bright or neon colored (including the laces).
 - c. Secondary girls may wear sandals during the warm weather months of August to September, and April to June.
 - d. **Any style footwear that looks like a flip-flop, beach or shower shoe, is not permitted.** The Administration reserves the right to determine violations of this guideline.
- 2. **Skirts, Shirts, Sweaters and Jackets:**
 - a. Secondary girls do not wear the jumper.
 - b. Secondary girls do not need to wear shorts beneath their skirt.
 - c. Secondary girls do not wear the Peter-Pan blouse.
 - d. **Only the approved ¼ zip fleece shirt may be worn over the school shirt for additional warmth in the classroom during the school day. The ¼ zip fleece shirt must be purchased from Dennis Uniforms for all students in grades 7-12.**
- 3. **Hair:**
 - a. Same as Elementary.
- 4. **Jewelry and Make-up:**
 - a. Same as Elementary.

Elementary Boys

- 1. **Footwear:**
 - a. All boys will wear shoes.
 - b. Footwear not permitted: Flip-flops, sandals, slides, shower shoes, army or work boots, high-top sneakers.
 - c. All athletic shoes/gym shoes/sneakers intended to be worn in the gym for P.E. or recess must be a non-skid, non-marking shoe so as not to mark the gym floor. White-soled shoes are recommended, but regardless, parents must make sure when they are purchasing shoes that they comply with the non-marking stipulation.
 - d. Boys must wear socks at all times.
 - e. Shoes must be fully laced and tied.
- 2. **Shirts, Sweaters, Jackets and Trousers:**
 - a. Boys may wear the Oxford shirt or the short sleeve or long sleeve Polo shirt.
 - b. Shirts should fit properly.
 - c. Shirts should be fully tucked in so as to make the belt visible at all times.
 - d. Oxford shirts may only have the collar button unbuttoned. The Polo shirt may have the collar button and the second button unbuttoned.
 - e. Belts will be worn with the trousers at all times.
 - f. Trousers are to be worn at the waistline, and not sagging or hanging down.
 - g. Outer apparel such as coats, jackets, and hoodies may be worn to school and utilized for outdoor related activities, but they may not be worn in the classrooms.
 - h. All coats, jackets, etc. must not have a worldly theme and should not be ripped or torn.

- i. Only the *Dennis* cardigan sweater, sleeveless V-neck vest or V-neck pullover may be worn over the school shirt for additional warmth in the classroom during the school day.
- j. Long sleeve shirts are not to be worn under the short sleeved Polo shirt. *Dennis* sells a long sleeve Polo shirt for the colder months.
- k. Any garment worn under the GBS shirt is not to hang out below the hem, and should not be of such a color or design that it is visible through the GBS shirt.

3. **Hair:**

- a. All boys must have conventional, traditional haircuts.
- b. The hair must be tapered, not layered, and not touch the collar.
- c. Hair on the sides of the head must be tapered so that it does not touch the ear.
- d. Hair on the forehead must be above the eyebrows.
- e. Unusual, unconventional haircuts or combing or grooming of the hair in an unorthodox fashion is not permitted.
- f. Sideburns should be no lower than the middle of the ear.
- g. Boys are not to dye, frost or highlight their hair.

4. **Jewelry and Make-up:**

- a. Boys are not permitted to wear make-up of any kind.
- b. Boys are not permitted to wear necklaces, earrings, or bracelets.
- c. Body piercing or tattoos (whether real or artificial) are not permitted.
- d. Writing on oneself or others is not permitted.

Secondary Boys

All of the above guidelines for Elementary Boys apply to Secondary Boys as well, with the following modifications:

1. **Footwear:**

- a. Secondary boys' shoes are to be predominantly brown or black, with no bright or neon colored laces, no high top sneakers, no boots, and with laces always fully laced and tied.

2. **Shirts, Sweaters, Jackets and Trousers:**

- a. Shirts and trousers, same as Elementary.
- b. *Only the approved ¼ zip fleece shirt may be worn over the school shirt for additional warmth in the classroom during the school day. The ¼ zip fleece shirt must be purchased from Dennis Uniforms for all students in grades 7-12.*

3. **Hair:**

- a. Secondary boys are to be clean shaven.
- b. Beards and/or moustaches are not permitted.
- c. Secondary boys with excessive facial hair will have to shave using school provided razor.

4. **Jewelry and Make-up:**

- a. Same as Elementary.

Standard Dress for Elementary Programs (Christmas/Fine Arts/Spring):

(Except when a specific theme is issued, i.e. "Western" etc.)

- A. Girls: K-4 through 4th Grade—white long sleeve Peterpan blouse with navy polyester jumper
- B. Girls: 5th Grade—white long sleeve Peterpan blouse with navy polyester jumper or white long sleeve button-down Oxford with navy skirt
- C. Girls: 6th Grade—white long sleeve button-down Oxford with navy skirt
- D. Boys: K-4 through 6th Grade—white long sleeve button-down Oxford with navy slacks

Standard Dress for Secondary Performing Groups:

(7th–12th Grade: band/choir/ensembles)

- A. Girls: Khaki skirt, long-sleeve white Oxford shirt, V-neck vest, skin-color hose, black dress shoes with no greater than a 2-inch heel.
- B. Boys: Khaki pant, long-sleeve white Oxford shirt, pull-over, long-sleeve sweater, dark tie, socks, black dress shoes.

Standard Dress for Athletic Teams:

All students participating in the athletic program are required to wear knee-length athletic shorts for practices. For games, all participants are to be in full uniform or school standard dress as outlined above or as approved by Administration. The only acceptable footwear is athletic shoes, sneakers, or the shoes worn during the regular school day. If in uniform/warm-up clothing, an athletic slide type shoe is acceptable.

Uniform Ordering

Shop at the store: Arthur's by Dennis School Uniforms
8227 Cloverleaf Dr. Suite 308 Cloverleaf Business Park, Millersville, MD 21108

By phone: (410) 987-2605

By fax: (410) 987-2606 (please complete all needed information on the order form)

Order on line: www.arthursuniforms.com and follow the onscreen instructions