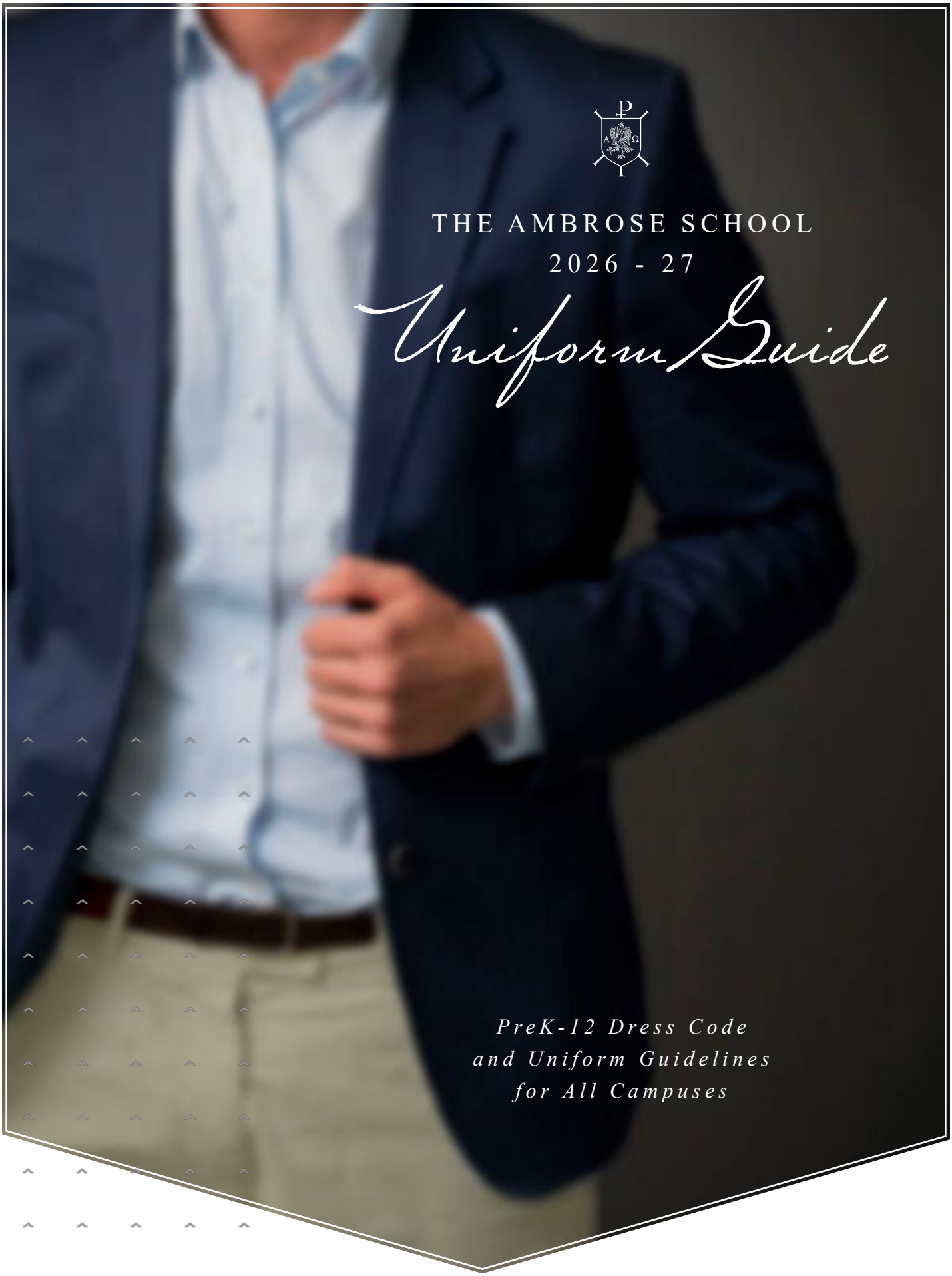

THE AMBROSE SCHOOL

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Uniform Guide

PreK-12 Dress Code
and Uniform Guidelines
for All Campuses

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WHY WE WEAR UNIFORMS

Since its inception, The Ambrose School has required uniforms for several key reasons:

- **Clarity and Modesty** – Uniforms eliminate subjective dress standards and ensure consistency.
- **Academic Focus** – The uniform reinforces a structured environment oriented toward learning.
- **Unity** – Students are encouraged to value community over individual expression, reducing distractions and fostering cohesion.
- **Cost Efficiency** – Most families find two to three sets sufficient. Used items are available through the Uniform & Logowear Store at the Locust Grove Campus.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- Uniforms must be worn as intended and kept neat, clean, and modest.
- All students must wear formal uniforms **every Wednesday** and for other designated events.
- Informal uniform items may be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday unless otherwise directed by a teacher or administrator.
- All visible K-12 uniform items must be purchased from **approved suppliers** listed in the Uniform Guide. *Please see the Pre-K page for Pre-K purchasing information, which is unique.*
- All students must remain in uniform while at the school (see the *Parent Student Handbook* for a limited number of exceptions).

UNIFORM GUIDELINES & SUPPLIERS

All visible uniform items must be purchased from one of the approved uniform suppliers below or from the Uniform Closet. **Please note that Old Navy is not one of our approved uniform suppliers.** If you have any questions, please contact our Uniform Coordinator at **uniformcoordinator@theambroseschool.org.**

Pre-K student uniforms are simplified and have different vendor requirements—please see page 19 for additional details.

Skobel's SCHOOL UNIFORMS SINCE 1976

UNIFORM PIECES

All uniform pieces are available through Skobel's with the **exceptions** below:

Girls' kilts (7-12)
(available through Flynn O'Hara only)

Girls' wool blazer (9-12)
(available through Flynn O'Hara only)

Letterman's Jacket
(available through Jostens only)

HOW TO SHOP

IN-PERSON

9543 W. Emerald, Suite 105
Boise, ID 83704
208-575-0726

ONLINE

Skobels.com

Search for The Ambrose School and enter your child's grade.

Flynn O'Hara UNIFORMS

UNIFORM PIECES

All uniform pieces are available through Flynn O'Hara with the **exceptions** below:

Navy zip jacket with crest
(available through Skobel's only)

Girls' washable blazer (9-12)
(available through Skobel's only)

Letterman's Jacket
(available through Jostens only)

HOW TO SHOP

ONLINE

FlynnOhara.com

Search for The Ambrose School and enter your child's grade.

LANDS' END SCHOOL

UNIFORM PIECES

Several uniform pieces may be ordered through Lands' End:

GIRLS
White formal shirts
5th & 6th grade polo shirts
Socks

BOYS
Khaki pants and shorts
Oxford formal shirts
Leather belts
Socks

HOW TO SHOP

ONLINE

LandsEnd.com

To see the Ambrose-specific items, you must (1) create an account, (2) find The Ambrose School, and (3) create a profile for each student prior to purchasing. Please do not shop from the generic school items.

WHAT TO WEAR AND WHEN TO WEAR IT

Please note that all students on all campuses must wear their formal uniform every Wednesday. Informal options cannot be worn on Wednesdays.

REQUIRED FORMAL UNIFORMS

- Must be worn **every Wednesday** (may also be worn every day of the week).
- Special school events, field trips, or community events will require a formal uniform unless otherwise specified by the teacher.

OPTIONAL INFORMAL UNIFORMS

- May be worn on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday unless otherwise directed by a teacher or administrator.
- Boys shorts may be worn on non-formal days *before* fall break and *after* spring break.

ARCHER LOGOWEAR

- Grammar School students may wear Archer logo wear to school for dedicated events and spirit days.
- Upper School students may wear Archer sweatshirts and hoodies to school *after* Christmas break and *before* spring break on Fridays only at Locust Grove and Thursdays only at Bridge.

HOUSE LOGOWEAR *(UPPER SCHOOL ONLY)*

- Upper School students are required to wear House t-shirts during House activities that take place during the school day.
- House hoodies may be worn in the classroom *after* Christmas break and *before* spring break on Fridays only at Locust Grove and Thursdays only at Bridge.

UNIFORM DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE

Uniforms, including shoes, shall be worn as intended and kept neat, clean, and in good condition. The following should be noted in particular:

MISSING BUTTONS

- Button replacements are availabe at the Uniform & Logowear Store.

GIRLS JUMPERS, SKIRTS, AND KILTS

- The hemline must reach **to the knee.** Ordering a larger size will not make the skirt longer—if a skirt is too short, you must order the tall (XL), which is 2” longer.

BOYS PANTS

- No holes or stains.
- Pants must be purchased from the approved uniform suppliers. They may not be made of denim or denim-like fabric and may not have cargo-type pockets.
- Pants should reach at least the **top of the shoe,** with no excessively short pants or cuffed pants. We realize that boys grow quickly, and by spring, they sometimes have “high waters.” If this is the case, please purchase new (or used) pants if the hemline is more than 1” above the top of the shoe.
- Pants should not be excessively tight or baggy. No undergarment or pocket lines should show because the fabric is too tight. Stand straight and pinch 1/2" to 1 inch of fabric on either side of the thigh—if it is less than that, the pants are too tight.

SPECIAL DRESS DAYS

The Ambrose school year includes themed days and events for which students may choose clothes other than uniforms (Spirit Days, Egyptian Day, Western Day, etc.). Typically, these events are considered to be **casual dress events**. Unless otherwise specified, the dress code for special days and events is:

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Students are asked to dress appropriately for the event's decorum and to keep both the spirit of the event and practical considerations in mind when choosing apparel.

TOPS

- No tight or see-through shirts.
- No sleeveless shirts.
- The front and back necklines of tops must be modestly cut.
- No midriffs showing.

BOTTOMS

- Students must wear loose-fitting pants or shorts, with shorts longer than the tips of their fingers when their arms are fully extended down their legs (this includes running shorts).
- Leggings can only be worn under a skirt or dress.
- No undergarment or pocket lines should show because the fabric is too tight.
- Dresses and skirts are not shorter than 2" above the kneecap.
- Sweatpants, joggers, or pajama pants are not acceptable unless otherwise specified.

SHOES

- Shoes must be closed-toe with heels no taller than 1/2".

ACCESSORIES, BACKPACKS, COATS, ETC.

To support a focused and unified environment, parents are asked to follow these guidelines when purchasing accessories, backpacks, and outerwear:

- Backpacks and lunch boxes must be plain or simple patterns.
- No prominent logos, characters, or pop culture imagery.
- Non-uniform outerwear must follow the same guidelines.

This standard helps minimize distractions and discourages social divisions tied to trends or preferences. Teachers may also limit toys or items that disrupt the school environment.

NON-UNIFORM GUIDELINES

DRESS CODE CLASSIFICATIONS

General guidelines for each dress category are given below. Please refer to teacher communications for additional guidelines particular to specific events (class trips, classroom events, dances, graduation, etc.).

CASUAL

A casual dress code refers to clothing that is informal and comfortable yet clean with no holes, rips, or tears. (Jeans, t-shirt, etc.) Sweatpants, joggers, or pajama pants are not allowed unless otherwise specified.

Most of our events are casual. Please see the general guidelines on the left when dressing for Ambrose events.

BUSINESS CASUAL

Business casual typically means collared shirts with pants or skirts. It is the equivalent to our informal uniforms.

GIRLS ATTIRE

- Skirt or dress pants
- Collared shirt, knit shirt or sweater *(no sleeveless)*
- Dress *(middle of the knee or longer)*
- Jumpsuit or pant suit
- Dress shoes *(flats or heels)*

BOYS ATTIRE

- Slacks or khakis
- Dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, or polo shirt
- Tie *(optional)*
- Optional sportcoat or blazer
- Dress shoes *(not sneakers)*

BUSINESS FORMAL

Business formal is characterized by a suit jacket with matching pants or a skirt. The darker the suit, the more formal. It is the equivalent to our formal uniforms.

GIRLS ATTIRE

- Pant suit or skirt suit *(must reach the middle of the kneecap or longer)*
- Dress with jacket *(must reach the middle of the kneecap or longer)*
- Jumpsuit with jacket
- Dress shoes *(flats or heels)*

BOYS ATTIRE

- Business suit
- Matching vest *(optional)*
- Dress shirt
- Tie
- Dress shoes *(not sneakers)*

SEMI-FORMAL

Semi-formal attire is more elevated than office wear but more flexible than formal wear. The Winter Dance is typically semi-formal.

Please see the Dance Attire Guidelines in ParentSquare for specific guidance.

FORMAL

Formal attire is the most elegant and elevated and is typically reserved for evening events such as Protocol.

Please see the Dance Attire Guidelines in ParentSquare for specific guidance.

Girls Uniforms

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

SKIRT

K - 4TH ONLY
*Must touch the knee**

OR

5TH - 6TH ONLY
*Must touch the knee**

SHIRT

OR

SWEATER

BUTTON DOWN CREW SWEATER

SOCKS

WHITE KNEE SOCKS

OR

WHITE TIGHTS

BIKE SHORTS

BLACK OR NAVY ONLY

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

5TH - 6TH ONLY

OR

5TH - 6TH ONLY

ZIP JACKET

**Ordering a larger size will NOT make the skirt longer. You need to order the tall.*

K-6TH GIRLS

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

SKIRT

*Must touch the knee**

SHIRT

OR

OR

SWEATER

PULLOVER SWEATER

ZIP JACKET

SOCKS

OR

NAVY KNEE SOCKS

NAVY TIGHTS

BIKE SHORTS

BLACK OR NAVY ONLY

**Ordering a larger size will NOT make the skirt longer. You need to order the tall.*

7TH-8TH GIRLS

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

SKIRT

*Must touch the knee**

SHIRT

OR

BLAZER

WOOL
(Flynn O'Hara only)

OR

WASHABLE
(Skobel's only)

SOCKS

NAVY KNEE SOCKS

OR

NAVY TIGHTS

BIKE SHORTS

BLACK OR NAVY ONLY

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

OR

ZIP JACKET

OR

PULLOVER SWEATER

**Ordering a larger size will NOT make the skirt longer. You need to order the tall.*

9TH-12TH GIRLS

Boys Uniforms

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

PANTS

OR

ELASTIC WAIST*

No patch pockets (approved suppliers only)

SHORTS**

OR

SHORTS**
WITH ELASTIC WAIST*

SHIRT

OR

OR

SWEATER

BUTTON DOWN V-NECK SWEATER

ZIP JACKET

SOCKS

KHAKI

OR

BLACK (NO LOGOS)

TIE/BELT

NAVY, YELLOW & WHITE STRIPE

BLACK ONLY*

Elastic waist are for kindergarten students only. A belt is not required because there are no belt loops.

***Shorts may only be worn on non-formal days before fall break and after spring break.*

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

K-6TH BOYS

7TH-8TH BOYS

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

PANTS

No patch pockets (approved suppliers only)

SHIRT

OR

SWEATER

PULLOVER SWEATER

SOCKS

KHAKI

OR

BLACK (NO LOGOS)

TIE/BELT

MAROON

BLACK ONLY

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

May only be worn before fall break and after spring break

OR

ZIP JACKET

REQUIRED UNIFORM ITEMS

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(PIECES THAT CAN BE WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

PANTS

No patch pockets (approved suppliers only)

May only be worn before fall break and after spring break

SHIRT

OR

OR

BLAZER

ZIP JACKET

OR

PULLOVER SWEATER

SOCKS

KHAKI

OR

BLACK (NO LOGOS)

TIE/BELT

NAVY & MAROON STRIPE

BLACK ONLY

See page 16 & 17 for sock and shoe requirements.

9TH-12TH BOYS

SOCK REQUIREMENTS

GIRLS REQUIRED SOCKS

K-6TH SOCKS

WHITE KNEE SOCKS

OR

WHITE TIGHTS

7TH-12TH SOCKS

NAVY KNEE SOCKS

OR

NAVY TIGHTS

OPTIONAL GIRLS SOCKS

(OPTIONAL SOCKS THAT CAN BE WORN ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

ONLY K-6TH GIRLS

WHITE MID ANKLE

WHITE FOLD OVER
(LACE AND RUFFLES ARE ACCEPTED)

WHITE LOW ANKLE

ONLY 7TH-12TH GIRLS

BLACK LOW ANKLE

BLACK MID CALF
(NO LOGOS)

UNACCEPTABLE

ADORNMENTS OTHER THAN WHITE LACE

LOGOS OF ANY KIND

MID CALF FOR K-6TH

BOYS REQUIRED SOCKS

K-12TH SOCKS

KHAKI

BLACK (NO LOGOS)

UNACCEPTABLE

PATTERNED

LOW ANKLE OR LOGOS

COLORS OTHER THAN BLACK OR KHAKI

SHOE REQUIREMENTS

K-12 GIRLS SHOES

UNIFORM SHOES

TIE BLACK CANVAS OR LEATHER TENNIS SHOE*

BLACK SLIP-ON OR TIE DRESS SHOE*

BLACK LOAFER*

BLACK BALLET FLAT*

BLACK MARY JANE*

GYM SHOES

ANY ATHLETIC SHOE WITH A NON-MARKING SOLE

K-12 BOYS SHOES

UNIFORM SHOES

BLACK SLIP-ON DRESS SHOE*

BLACK TIE DRESS SHOE*

TIE OR VELCRO BLACK LEATHER TENNIS SHOE*

BLACK CANVAS TIE*

GYM SHOES

ANY ATHLETIC SHOE WITH A NON-MARKING SOLE

UNACCEPTABLE

This list is not exhaustive. If you have any questions on whether or not your student's shoes meet the requirements, please contact our Uniform Coordinator.

WHITE SOLE OR LOGOS

SPARKLY

HIGH HEEL

NOT ALL BLACK

ANY TYPE OF BOOT *(other than snow boots for recess)*

CONTRAST STITCHING

ANY TYPE OF HIGH TOP

PATENT LEATHER OR SUEDE

COLOR OTHER THAN BLACK

OPEN BACK OR OPEN TOE

**All uniform shoes, except P.E. shoes, must have a black sole. Any other color is NOT acceptable.*

OTHER APPAREL

SHORTS

(WORN FOR HOUSE GAMES)

7TH - 12TH GRADE GIRLS

Shorts longer than the fingertips are **required** for House games. Any brand that meets requirements is acceptable.

OPTIONAL OUTERWEAR

(CAN BE WORN IN CLASS ON NON-FORMAL DAYS)

ONLY 9TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO HAVE LETTERED IN A SPORT

GIRLS' LETTERMAN'S JACKET
(AVAILABLE FROM JOSTEN'S)

BOYS' LETTERMAN'S JACKET
(AVAILABLE FROM JOSTEN'S)

ACCESSORIES, JEWELRY & HAIR

The Ambrose School expects students to express themselves with their mind and character, not their grooming, accessories, or dress. Both boys and girls are expected to keep their hair well-groomed, clean, and out of their faces. Accessories and jewelry, if worn, should tastefully complement the uniform and not draw attention.

ACCEPTABLE

JEWELRY

Girls may wear jewelry that is small, simple, and not distracting. Boys may not wear visible jewelry except for simple bracelets.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

Any hair accessory that coordinates with school uniforms is acceptable. If a hair accessory is distracting, a teacher may ask the student to remove it. These are a few examples of acceptable hair accessories.

UNACCEPTABLE

This list is not exhaustive. Please see the Parent & Student Handbook for more extensive guidelines.

DISTRACTING, BOLD, OR GAUDY JEWELRY

LARGE AND/OR NON-COORDINATING HAIR ACCESSORIES

UNNATURAL HAIR COLOR - PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY (BOYS & GIRLS)

VISIBLE BODY PIERCINGS AND PLUGS (OTHER THAN GIRLS' EARRINGS)

VISIBLE BOYS' NECKLACES

PRE-K GIRLS & BOYS

Pre-K students have looser uniform guidelines than our K-12 students. We ask that all Pre-K students wear **plain navy polo shirts and khaki pants, skirts, or shorts**. Recommended suppliers include the Old Navy Uniform Shop, Lands' End, Skobel's, and Flynn O'Hara, but any item similar to the ones below is acceptable. If you have any questions, please contact our Uniform Coordinator at **uniformcoordinator@theambroseschool.org**.

GIRLS

NAVY POLO (LONG OR SHORT SLEEVE)

OPTIONAL NAVY PULLOVER OR CARDIGAN SWEATER

ELASTIC WAIST KHAKI PANTS, SKIRT*, OR SHORTS

**Black or navy bike shorts need to be worn under skirts.*

Shoes need to be all-black and appropriate for play. Velcro is recommended instead of ties or buckles. If you would like dress shoes, please choose Mary Janes instead of ballet flats.

If socks will be seen (with shorts or skirts), please choose white, black, or navy.

BOYS

NAVY POLO (LONG OR SHORT SLEEVE)

OPTIONAL NAVY PULLOVER OR CARDIGAN SWEATER

ELASTIC WAIST KHAKI PANTS OR SHORTS

Shoes need to be all-black and appropriate for play. Velcro is recommended instead of ties or buckles. If socks will be seen (with shorts or skirts), please choose white, black, or navy.

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(208) 323-3888

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