

DRESS GUIDELINES

Notre Dame has a school uniform and a dress code. **It is most important that students and parents are familiar with this uniform policy and that students dress accordingly.** Wearing the proper uniform is both a student and parental responsibility. It is a condition for attendance at Notre Dame. **A student who does not follow uniform guidelines may not be permitted to attend class. Multiple infractions may mean withdrawal from the school.**

Dennis/Neil Roberts (500 Post Avenue in Orange; 664 Main Street in Norwalk or 650 Wolcott Street in Waterbury) is the ND uniform company. The girls' plaid skirt and **SENIOR navy skirt** are only available at Dennis/Neil Roberts; **sweaters and polo shirts** are sold only at the Notre Dame Bookstore.

GIRLS DRESS CODE

SKIRT

- All girls wear a plaid skirt purchased from Dennis/Neil Roberts. **SENIORS ONLY** may also wear a navy skirt (also purchased from Dennis/Neil Roberts).
- **PLEASE NOTE: Skirts MUST NOT be tailored to a shorter length than the company makes them. They may not be rolled at the waist, nor WORN SHORTER THAN 3 INCHES ABOVE THE MIDDLE OF THE KNEE. If you do not comply with this regulation, you will have to wear the uniform pants.**

PANTS

- Girls may wear **solid colored black, navy blue, khaki or other dark conservatively colored pants.**
- We recommend classic **DOCKERS (or similar), plain or pleated front, with belted waists.** These pants may be purchased at the store of your choice.
- **If DOCKERS (or similar) were to come out with a more casual style pants, these pants would not be allowed.**
- *Land's End* or *Sears* carry the acceptable style (tailored twill/relaxed fit), beginning with petite size 2 through regular and tall sizes 4 and up.
- **Pants must be the correct size, be worn with a belt, be clean and pressed.**

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- **No tight-fitting pants.** NO "Jeans-type" pants like "MUDD", *bell bottoms or cargo pants, pants with hammer loops and/or patch pockets, metal grommets/buttons, and corduroys.*
- **Pants must be straight-legged but NOT TIGHT-FITTING.**
- **Torn/slit and/or cut cuffs are not allowed.**

BLOUSE

- **Only solid colored white, pastel blue, pink, lavender or yellow blouses are permitted.**
- **Blouses must be worn in the 2nd & 3rd marking periods.**
- These may be long or short-sleeved, button down **Oxford style** cotton blouses.
- They may be purchased at Dennis/Neil Roberts or the store of your choice.
- **Blouses must fit properly; oversized men's shirts are not acceptable.**
- **Blouses must be tucked in at all times.**
- **FITTED (skimpy or tight) blouses may NOT be worn.**

- **Modesty demands that blouses be buttoned at all times. They may NEVER be worn with more than two buttons open at the neck.**
- *Sleeves may not be rolled up.*
- **Long sleeved shirts may not be worn under short sleeved blouses.**
- **Only white, navy blue or gold shirts (in the fall and winter – turtlenecks) may be worn underneath the blouse.**

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- **Anything too short to be kept tucked in / Sleeveless or cap sleeves**
- **Denim, flannel or silk / tight-fitting or skimpy styles**
- **Any colors other than those stated above**
- **No additions, like initials or color trim**

NOTRE DAME POLO SHIRT

Girls may wear a special ND Polo Shirt, **which can only be purchased at the NOTRE DAME BOOKSTORE.** Polo shirts come in a variety of colors. They must be worn in the **CORRECT SIZE** and are permitted **during the 1st and 4th marking periods.** The cost is \$25.00 (XXL - \$30/XXXL - \$32).

Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

SWEATERS

Girls may wear a Notre Dame navy V-neck sweater or a natural colored Henley sweater, **sold only in the NOTRE DAME BOOKSTORE.** These sweaters, with their ND logos, have been designed for our school. **No other sweaters may be worn.** The cost of the navy sweater is \$44.00 (XXL and XXXL cost \$47.00). The natural Henley sweater costs \$41.00 (XXL and XXXL cost \$44.00). Sweaters are optional and may be worn throughout the school year.

SHOES

- **Girls may wear loafers, flats and docksiders in brown, black or other dark colors.** They may not wear odd colors.
- **Only LOW CUT traditional style shoes are allowed.**
- **Laces must be tied; shoes must be clean and polished.**

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- **For safety, absolutely no high heels, platforms, slingbacks, clogs or mules.**
- **Boots of ANY kind may not be worn.**
- **Sandals, soft cloth, Chinese slippers, soft moccasins, canvas and other casual shoes are not permitted.**
- **Sneakers of ANY kind may not be worn. *This includes any shoes which appear to be sneakers; footwear with metal grommets and/or rubber fronts, etc.***
- **Diesels are acceptable.**
- **Shoes may not be ripped or written on.**

SOCKS/STOCKINGS

- Girls must wear socks (knee or ankle socks) or pantyhose. **Low cut socks or peds may not be worn.**
- **Socks may be WHITE or NAVY BLUE.**
- **SHEER, NAVY BLUE or WHITE pantyhose/tights may be worn (plain styles, not patterned).**

Please note the following “problem areas”:

HAIRSTYLES should be moderate, rather than extreme.

No extreme colors, punk styles, shaved heads, shaved lines, “greasy looks,” or other non-conventional styles are permitted.

If anything other than a normal hair color is worn, the student will not be allowed to attend class.

Students with hair color infractions may not be allowed to return to school before the infraction is corrected. Please think twice before coloring your hair and, if you make the decision to do so, be aware of school sanctions.

Ribbons, bows, scarves, kerchiefs, bandanas, sweatbands and other decorations are not permitted.

Jewelry

The amount of **JEWELRY** worn should be moderate and tasteful. Please limit yourselves to one or two pairs of earrings (**no large pieces**). Also, please watch the style and number of bracelets, rings and necklaces. **Large pieces of jewelry (even religious pieces) are not permitted.**

Make up should be worn moderately and tastefully.

Tongue piercing, eyebrow piercing or anything similar are not allowed.

Please do not write on any part of the uniform.

BOYS DRESS CODE

PANTS

- Boys may wear **solid colored black, navy blue, khaki or other dark conservatively colored pants.**
- We recommend classic DOCKERS (or similar), plain or pleated front, with belted waists.** These pants may be purchased at the store of your choice.
- If DOCKERS (or similar) were to come out with a more casual style pants, these pants would not be allowed.**
- PLEASE NOTE:** These Dockers are to be worn with a belt (a leather type rather than a cloth one, which is not allowed), and are to be purchased in the correct size. They **MUST** fit properly at the waist.
- Pants must be clean and pressed.

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Pants that do not fit at the waist are not allowed.**
- PLEASE NOTE: IN ALLOWING ONLY DOCKERS, we have eliminated all jeans-styles, cargo pants, styles which are too casual, hammer loops, patch pockets, grommets/buttons, corduroys; large, oversized pants, etc.**
- Torn, slit or cut cuffs are not allowed.**

SHIRTS

- Boys must wear **dress shirts.** Dress shirts are made to be worn with a tie; for example, the button-down Oxford, or similar. Many of the more modern style shirts are not dress shirts and should not be worn at school. They may be worn throughout the school year. They are required during the 2nd & 3rd marking periods.
- White, solid light conservative colors and thin stripes (up & down) may be worn.**
- Shirts should be buttoned and fit properly.**
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.**
- Sleeves may not be rolled up.**
- Long sleeved shirts may not be worn under short sleeved shirts.**
- ONLY WHITE T-SHIRTS MAY BE WORN.**

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Shirts may not be dark colors; no black, denim, navy blue, etc.**
- Plaid shirts, sports shirts, shirts made of gauze, flannel, denim, corduroy, etc. are not allowed.**

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SHOES

- Boys may wear traditional dress shoes, loafers, docksiders, etc. in brown, black or other dark colors.** Odd colors may not be worn.
- Only **LOW CUT** traditional style shoes are allowed.
- Laces must be tied; shoes must be clean and polished.

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Boots of ANY kind may not be worn.**
- Sandals, soft cloth, canvas, clogs, mules and other casual shoes are not permitted.**
- Sneakers of ANY kind may not be worn. This includes any shoes which appear to be sneakers; footwear with metal grommets and/or rubber fronts, etc.**
- Shoes may not be ripped or written on.**
- Diesels may be worn.**

SOCKS

Socks of a conservative color must be worn at all times. **Low cut socks or peds are not allowed.**

TIES

- Ties are part of the uniform and should complement the total outfit. Dress ties must be worn whenever a dress shirt is worn.
- Ties must be tied properly and not hang loosely around the neck.

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Leather ties, punk style, thin ties, extreme colors, inappropriate prints, and anything outside normal dress styles.

HAIR STYLES/COLOR

- Hair must be neat, clean and well groomed at all times.
- Hair should not hang below the collar or ears. Sides should be neatly trimmed.
- We ask for conventional hairstyles. Many currently popular hairstyles may not be worn at ND. It is difficult to give an inclusive list but you will certainly get the idea from the following: no punk styles, no colors, no greasy styles, no beards, no shaven heads - either partially or completely shaven, no Mohawks, no stripes, no edges, lines, fade cuts, spiked hair or similar. Ponytails are not allowed.
- **A SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING HAIR COLOR:**
Contrary to some current hair coloring fads, students at Notre Dame are limited in their hair colors and hair styles. Although all students are advised of this fact, the school especially warns boys about coloring their hair. When an incident occurs, the student will not be allowed to attend class. Students with hair color infractions may not be allowed to return to school before the infraction is corrected. Please think twice before coloring your hair and, if you make the decision to do so, be aware of school sanctions.

Please note these other "problem areas":

JEWELRY:

Boys may not wear earrings in school. Large pieces of jewelry (even religious pieces) are not permitted. Chains may not be worn outside the shirt. Tongue piercing, eyebrow piercing or similar things are not allowed.

ALL STUDENTS - MALE AND FEMALE - PLEASE NOTE:

- No additions or alterations may be made to the dress code.
- Du-rags may not be worn on the ND campus at any time. Du-rags may not be worn at any school activity whether held at ND or at another location.
- The uniform is worn throughout the school day.
- Uniforms should be worn to and from school.
- Outside jackets, any sweater except the school uniform one, sweatshirts, etc. must be kept in lockers and are never brought to class.
- Hairstyles for both boys and girls must be conservative, never extreme.
- Sunglasses are not allowed. If there is a medical need for tinted prescription glasses, the student must submit a doctor's note.
- The above stated dress guidelines are offered, with final judgments of dress and hair styles to be made by the ADMINISTRATION.
- PARENTS ARE ASKED TO CHECK DAILY THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE DRESSED ACCORDING TO OUR GUIDELINES WHEN THEY LEAVE IN THE MORNING.

IF YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER DOES NOT COMPLY, YOU WILL BE DISTURBED AT WORK TO EITHER PICK THEM UP OR CORRECT THE UNIFORM.

UNIFORM PROBLEMS FOR WHICH PARENTAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED

BOYS:

- Shirts not tucked in & often too large
- Pants too big to fit properly at the waist
- **Pants must be worn with a belt.**
- Cargo pants (pockets down the legs); hammer loops
- Pants torn at the cuffs
- Boots, boot types, clogs, mules and sneaker style shoes
- Untied shoes; the tongue worn up in a sloppy style
- Black and other dark colored shirts
- Flannel shirts (a particular problem in the winter months)
- Long sleeves hanging out from short sleeves

GIRLS:

- Shirts/blouses not tucked in & often too large
- Tight fitted blouses and blouses worn unbuttoned
- Shirts of other colors than white or PASTEL pink, yellow, lavender or blue
- Skirts much shorter than 3" from the knee
- Pants which are stretch material and/or skin tight
- Cargo pants (pockets down the legs); hammer loops
- Pants torn at the cuffs
- Boots, boot types, sneaker style shoes, high heels, clogs or mules
- Long sleeves hanging out from short sleeves

Freshmen - Boys and Girls

Uniform for Physical Education classes

Because of the variety of "styles" and because of the fact that some clothing today is immodest or not a good choice for gym activities, the following dress code has been established. This uniform may be purchased in the store of your choice.

Required dress at all gym classes at Notre Dame:

Sweat pants; shorts (reasonable length - for example, no running shorts, nothing tight fitting like spandex or bike shorts). Sweat shirts (no obscene or offensive pictures or words). T-shirts - traditional style and loose fitting. Again, nothing obscene or offensive in pictures or words.