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Dress Standards/Dress Code pg 25-26

The uniform policy at OAKS is not a commentary on modesty or the latest fashions. It is a simplified language use to describe the image we want our students to project. Studies have proven that uniforms are equalizers in the classroom and help focus students on work habits and academic growth. All schools have their own standards. In asking for certain styles and colors OAKS is not arguing against other items. If you choose to attend OAKS, you are choosing this dress, just like you agree to a code of conduct. The Faculty reserves the right to address ill-fitting and frayed uniforms.

1. Acceptable shirt colors from French Toast are navy blue, hunter green, white, and fire-engine red. Shirts must be polo style and may be long or short-sleeved. All undershirts or turtlenecks worn under the uniform shirt must be solid uniform colors and tucked in at all times. All uniform shirts must have the OAKS logo.
2. Uniform dress pants/shorts are to be French Toast navy blue or khaki. Shorts must be French Toast *uniform shorts* and worn within two inches of the knee while standing. Girls must always wear shorts underneath a skirt or jumper. No external patches, rips, tears, or stains are appropriate on clothing.
3. Uniform skirt hems must be worn at the knee while standing up and must be navy blue, khaki, or OAKS plaid.
4. All underwear must be concealed under and inside of a student's uniform. The uniform should be of appropriate size to avoid revealing the lines and edges of a student's underclothing.
5. On Wednesdays, blue jeans (appropriately sized & well-fitting) may be worn. Jeans must be straight cut or boot cut only. No denim leggings, skinny jeans or jeans with embroidery or glitter embellishments are permitted. Students may choose to wear regular school uniforms OR regular uniform shirts with blue jeans. Other school T-shirts called "Wednesday Shirts" may also be worn on Wednesdays.
6. Only uniform jackets/hoodies/cardigans from French Toast or sold from OAKS may be worn inside the classroom. Non-uniform winter coats must be worn outside only and placed on hooks when inside the classroom. Non-uniform jackets/hoodies/cardigans are not allowed to be worn in the classroom. OAKS hoodies purchased through the school may also be worn regardless of color.
7. 8th graders ONLY may purchase and wear CA/GCA approved uniforms. Short and skirt length must meet OAKS standards. No skorts.
8. Shoes must be closed toed shoes with non-marking soles. Sport shoes are required for all activities physical in nature. Students participate in daily physical activities requiring these shoes for safety issues. For health regulations, shoes are to be worn at all times.
9. Socks must be worn. They must be of the same variety of solid colors as used for shirts and must match the uniform (skorts/skirts/shorts) that the student is wearing. Approved colors are black, white, hunter green, navy blue, fire-engine red. Leggings or tights, in the above colors, may be worn under skirts. Any color of socks may be worn with pants.

10. God created each of us beautiful just as we are, and we want each student to focus on their inner beauty. Therefore, jewelry of any type is not appropriate. Make-up should be kept natural and to a minimum. Students are not to apply tattoos or draw on the skin or nails with pen or markers. Fingernail polish is permitted for girls as part of the OAKS uniform under the following conditions.
- a. Colors are bright and manicure is neat and tidy. No black or dark colors or partially missing color.
 - b. Patterns printed on nail stickers such as Color Street etc. are allowable. Please no nail art or raised/3d nail art.
 - c. Color should be applied to the natural nail bed and nails should be kept at a length to enable play in PE and comfort when typing. No press on nails or tips and extensions.
11. Hair must be clean, neat, a natural color, and present a well-groomed appearance. For boys: Hair must not extend past the bottom of the ears, the bottom of the shirt collar in the back, or the top of the eyebrows. For all students, hair must stay out of the face during regular school activities; his/her hair should not cover the eyes or prohibit eye contact. Bizarre or extreme styles are not acceptable.
12. **Required** dress for day field trips: The classroom teacher will designate the appropriate uniform prior to the field trip.
13. For extended field trips, dress must be modest, appropriate, and within the spirit of the OAKS dress code. Sponsors will issue, in writing, any special dress code designed specifically for a particular event.
14. Students who enter school out of uniform may be kept out of class until the correct uniform is provided by parents. On the third event of a student attending class out of uniform, a fine of \$25 is to be paid in cash before the student can return to class with the appropriate uniform. Additional infractions may require additional fines to be paid.

NOTE: The above listed dress code applies to all school functions, class programs, field trips, and any other time the student is representing OAKS. OAKS and the Dress Code Committee reserve the right to make changes to the dress code as circumstances may require. Just as in life: "If in Doubt... Don't."