



# General Uniform Guidelines

2020-2021

## Purpose of the Uniform

Ascent Classical Academy requires students to wear uniforms to eliminate distractions, to level the playing field, and to remind ourselves that we are doing important work. Our uniform policies support this purpose.

## Outerwear

We recognize that students may wish to wear something warmer than our Polo or oxford shirt inside the building. Often, however, outerwear has become a way for students to avoid the uniform policy entirely. Only specified cardigans, full zip sweaters and fleeces may be worn inside the building. Non-approved coverings, jackets, and vests are considered outerwear and are not acceptable while school is in session. Students may wear outerwear outside, so long as it is in good taste, i.e. not offensive.

## Footwear, Shoestrings, and Socks

Footwear must be plain and neutral in a solid color (white, black, gray, navy, tan, or brown). Small logos and minimal stripes on shoes are acceptable if they are a neutral color (white, black, gray, navy, tan, or brown).

All footwear must be closed-toe with a closed-heel no more than 1" high. Nice boots and dress shoes must not rise more than 1" above the ankle. Winter, Ugg-like, rain, cowboy/riding, and hiking boots are not allowed in the classroom; these boots may be worn to school and during recess and other outdoor activities during the school day.

Nice dress shoes are recommended, but athletic shoes that adhere to Ascent's guidelines are acceptable, especially for Elementary School students.

Shoestrings must be a solid, neutral color (white, black, gray, navy, tan, or brown) that matches the shoe color. Socks must be worn with all footwear and also be solid, neutral (white, black, gray, navy, tan, or brown) colors. No-show socks are acceptable.

## Accessories

Hairpieces, bows, and earrings must not be large or worn in a distracting way. They must fit with the neutral color scheme of our plaid (not red, pink, orange, green, or other bright, non-neutral colors). Only Ascent-plaid neck and ascot ties are allowed. Earrings should be studs that do not pass the ear border.

## Appearance

Students should present themselves well at school, which means they need to be well-groomed and clean-shaven. Hair must be combed or at least not sloppy, and make-up must be light and natural-looking. Students with heavy, distracting, or unnatural make-up will be asked to remove it. Clothes should be clean, without holes and pressed (not wrinkled). Undershirts must be white, black, gray, navy tan, or brown.

## Skorts and Shorts

While students grow over the course of the year, making skort and short length a real variable, they should still be mindful and respect of the length rule (2 inches above the knee). This rule still applies when students wear leggings. Skorts come with modesty shorts that help ensure the length and waist height is appropriate and within uniform. Ascent-plaid skorts must be purchased from Lands' End. Khaki or navy skorts, shorts or pants *may* be purchased from Lands' End, however they may be purchased from other vendors if they meet the requirements of appropriate length and fit. If purchasing from other vendors, please refer to the pictures on the uniform pages to ensure a very-close match. Ascent-plaid skirts will be available for purchase while supplies last. If a skirt is worn, we highly encourage modesty shorts or leggings. Shorts can be worn by boys only.

As a matter of enforcement, this will begin as a conversation between faculty and student. Should a student continue to wear inappropriately short skorts or shorts, he or she will be required to change clothes for the day.

## Pants

Navy and khaki pants *may* be purchased from Lands' End, however they may also be purchased from other vendors if they meet the requirements of appropriate fit. If purchasing from other vendors, please refer to the pictures on the uniform pages to ensure a very close match. Pants must be light khaki or navy colored. If buying from other vendors, please look for fit descriptions of "sateen" and "bootcut" for girls, and "flat front twill" for boys. Jeggings and tight-fitting pants are not allowed.