



School Attire

Uniform guide for the OCA student



Why We Wear What We Wear

OCA strives to display excellence in all aspects of our school, including the area of attire. Uniforms inspire a positive sense of community, while freeing staff and students to focus on their purpose for being at OCA. Additionally, uniforms can serve as a reminder that it is more important to be set apart to fulfill God's plans for our lives than to "be like everyone else". Thus, uniforms discourage unhealthy competition. They allow students to express their individual identity through inward avenues, such as personality and character, instead of outward appearances. Uniforms can be more economical for parents, as they eliminate pressure to purchase fad clothing. Finally, uniforms serve as symbols of a student's acceptance of authority of their parents, school, and ultimately God.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Parents and students are responsible for reading and adhering to the Uniform Guidelines. It is imperative that all parents and students read the guidelines carefully to ensure full understanding of the uniform guidelines. Parents are required to read the guidelines and agree in writing to uphold them while their children(ren) are enrolled in OCA.

The school administration will determine if there is a violation of the uniform code, either in fact or attitude. Students not complying with this uniform code will be required to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible. Cheerful, consistent compliance is expected; grumbling and challenging attitudes will be subject to disciplinary action.

Dress Policy Violation (wrong uniform or uniform free attire)

1. Teachers will address the student concerning the issue to let them know that they will be sending a uniform violation slip to the principal.
2. The uniform violation will be documented in the student's file in RenWeb. Parents will be notified with details of violations.
3. A parent may be required to bring a proper uniform item to the school.
4. Uniform violations are cumulative in nature. After two uniform violation referrals, students may remain in the office until the violation can be remedied.
5. If violations continue, a school administrator may meet or conference with both the parents and the student to determine further action to be taken.
6. Repeated infractions may result in the loss of Spirit Friday wear and/or Uniform Free wear privileges. Repeated infractions may also result in after-school or early-morning detentions and/or in-school suspension.

General Reminders

1. Students should be clean, neat, and modest in all clothing.
2. All clothing must be kept in good condition and remain free of frays or holes.
3. The required polo or oxford must be worn under all school zippered jackets, zippered sweatshirts, cardigans, and under the school vests and/or jumpers.
4. Other than female's ears, body piercings are prohibited for all students.
5. Students may only wear caps or hats outside of the school buildings, unless specified by administration for special occasions.
6. Colored hair dyes or hair styles which distract from the learning environment (unnatural colors such as pink, green, purple, blue, etc., are prohibited).
7. Boys should ensure hair length is no longer than the top of the ears on the sides, above the collar length in the back, and shorter than eyebrows in the front.
8. All boys are to be cleanly shaven with no beards or mustaches.
9. Tattoos (permanent or temporary) are prohibited.
10. Girls in grades 1-6 should remain free of makeup (lipstick, eye shadow, etc.).

Spirit Fridays

All students may wear blue jeans (*see jeans requirements below) and an OCA spirit shirt on Fridays. Spirit shirts must be purchased through the Spirit Store, or must be approved by administration before wearing to school. OCA hoodies are acceptable on Spirit Fridays as well. Students who do not wish to wear blue jeans may wear uniform bottoms with OCA spirit shirt or regular uniform clothing.

- Students may wear blue jean pants, capris, shorts, or skirts (as long as shorts/skirts touch the knee). No leggings or jeggings.
- The fit--no tight, stretch, or form-fitted jeans allowed. Students can use the “pinch test” to determine if jeans are acceptable. This is achieved by standing and then pinching at least an inch of material from each side, without pulling, at the widest part of the hip. If a student cannot pinch an inch on each side, without pulling material, their pants are too tight. Obviously, if the jeans have lycra or other stretching material, this test may not provide an accurate evaluation. Ultimately, the appropriateness of all garments is at the discretion of OCA Administration.
- Outerwear is the same requirement Monday-Friday, unless otherwise specified by administration.

Uniform-Free Days

From time-to-time there may be special days designated by administration when students have the opportunity to dress in items other than the typical uniform or OCA spirit wear. If students choose not to participate in these special days, they **MUST DRESS IN SCHOOL UNIFORM**. All clothing must meet the following requirements:

1. All clothing/shoes must be free of negative personalities, wrestling personalities, negative slogans, and sound effects. These restrictions help ensure the best learning environment for all students. Our goal is to keep the focus on learning.
2. Clothing must be modest (no crop tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, low cuts, see-through clothing, etc.)
3. Girls skirts and shorts must be knee-length.
4. No leggings are to be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn UNDER appropriate length skirt or dress.
5. Sweatpants, fleece pants, knits, athletic wear, and “warm-ups”, are prohibited, unless otherwise specified by administration.
6. Outerwear is the same requirement unless otherwise specified by administration.
7. If students are wearing tight-fitting, short, or inappropriate clothing, they will be required to change. Parents will be called to bring appropriate change of clothing.

“Other” Wear

Outerwear

- Coats: Students may wear coats of any color to and from school and during outdoor activities.
- Jackets: In the **classroom and school buildings**, only solid navy jackets may be worn. Any labels, other than the OCA logo, must be smaller than 2 inches, unless approved by administration.
- Quarter-zip pullover: **Logo mandatory for new or previously purchased** from Lands’ End or OCA. *Quarter-zip pullover with hood is only allowed on Friday.*
- Cardigan Sweaters: In the **classroom and school buildings**, only solid grey, navy, or white cardigan sweaters may be worn over uniform.
- Only OCA spirit wear hoodies/crewnecks are allowed, and only on Spirit Fridays/designated days.

Footwear

- Students in grades 1-12 must wear tennis shoes, shoes or sandals with a back or strap. Shoes may be any color. Shoes with lights or sound effects are not allowed.
- Boots may be worn Monday-Thursday **under the uniform pants only**.
- Jeans may be tucked into boots for Spirit Fridays.

PE Wear

- **Elementary Students**: Students in grades 1-6 are not required to wear a PE uniform. However, they must wear appropriate clothing & shoes for PE activities on PE days. Students need to wear tennis shoes. They may also wear athletic type sandals, such as Chacos, Keens, Texas, etc. Wearing the proper shoe is important. These shoes will provide the best support for their feet and will not come off when playing hard. Inappropriate attire will result in a grade reduction for PE.
- **Jr./Sr. High Students**: Students in grades 7-9 are required to change into PE uniforms for PE class. This will include any OCA Spirit Shirt (previously purchased or new is acceptable) and appropriate PE shorts purchased through Lands’ End. Tennis shoes must be worn as part of PE attire. Inappropriate attire will result in a grade reduction for PE.

This booklet is intended to inform parents regarding allowable uniform options. OCA uses two main vendors, French Toast and Lands' End. While these vendors have a main website (listed below), parents are not required to order strictly from these websites. Also, area stores may offer approved French Toast and Lands' End uniform items. However, parents are encouraged to visit the OCA Storefront on each of these sites in order to see the approved items. Lands' End offers personalized sizing for a nominal fee, if needed. In addition, both vendors allow returns either with free shipping or to the specified store. Additional information about each of our approved vendors is below.

The annual uniform resale during the summer is a way to purchase gently worn uniforms for tremendous savings to parents.

<i>French Toast</i> <i>(main site: www.frenchtoast.com)</i> <i>School Source Code: QS5IIM</i>	<i>Lands' End</i> <i>(main site: www.landsend.com)</i> <i>Preferred School Number: 900096843</i>
French Toast uniform pieces can be found through the following venues: Frenchtoast.com, kmart.com, Costco, and at the OCA Summer Resale.	Lands' End uniform pieces can be found through the following venues: Landsend.com, Sears.com, and at the OCA Summer Resale. *Lands' End offers sales periodically throughout the year. Be sure to sign up for their catalog and remain updated on their excellent sales. ** Additional note: You may return Lands' End products to Sears throughout the year, even if you did not order through Sears. This alleviates shipping costs for returns.

EMBROIDERY

Logos are meant to express the unified nature of the school and its families. An additional benefit is that logos can identify students as members of an institution par excellence.

What must be embroidered?

All polos/blouses/oxfords (*new or previously purchased*), Mesh Polo Dresses (*new or previously purchased*), Ruffle Hem Dresses (*new*), all pull over sweaters, vests and quarter-zips must be embroidered. Parents may choose to have any other approved uniform piece embroidered.

- ❖ ***The oxfords/blouses, Mesh Polo Dresses, Ruffle Hem Dresses, pull over sweaters, vests, and quarter-zips are additional items that must be embroidered this year.***

Available OCA options for embroidery include:

- Drop-off at main school office
- Lands' End is prepared to embroider approved uniform pieces through landsend.com

OCA Girls

The following uniform options ONLY available from
Lands' End and/or French Toast:

Clothing Options	French Toast	Lands' End	Additional Information
Polos <u>Logo mandatory</u>	Polo Color Options available from each vendor: Lands' End or French Toast: Navy, White, Grey, Blue ONLY Lands' End: Maize, Gold		
	X	X	Unisex Interlock short sleeve
	X	X	Unisex interlock long sleeve
		X	Feminine fit Interlock short sleeve
		X	Feminine fit Interlock long sleeve
		X	Unisex Mesh short sleeve
		X	Unisex Mesh long sleeve
Blouses/Tops <u>Logo mandatory</u> <u>new or previously purchased</u>		X	Short-sleeve oxford--white or blue
		X	Long-sleeve oxford--white or blue
	X		Short-sleeve oxford with darts--white
	X		Long-sleeve oxford with darts--white
	X		Short sleeve Peter Pan collar--white
	X		Long-sleeve Peter Pan collar--white
Dresses <u>Logo mandatory</u> <u>new or previously purchased</u>		X	Mesh Polo Dress, short-sleeve or long-sleeve--Classic Navy
		X	Ruffle Hem Dress -- Classic Navy
Jumpers <u>Knee length or longer when standing</u>		X	Girls Plaid Jumper - Classic Navy Plaid Ponte Pleat Jumper - Classic Navy or Khaki Solid Jumper - Classic Navy or Khaki

Clothing Options	French Toast	Lands' End	Additional Information
Quarter-Zip Outerwear <u>Logo mandatory new or previously purchased</u>		X	Lightweight Fleece, quarter-zip--Classic Navy
Pullover Sweater and Vests <u>Logo mandatory new or previously purchased</u>		X	Classic Navy
Blazer <u>Logo optional</u>		X	Hopsack Blazer -- Deep Navy
Skirts Knee-length or longer when standing		X	Pleated Skirt -- Classic Navy Plaid
	X	X	Solid Pleated Skirt -- Classic Navy or Khaki
		X	Plaid A-Line Skirt--Classic Navy Plaid
		X	Solid A-Line Skirt--Classic Navy or Khaki
		X	Solid Box Pleat Skirt -- Classic Navy or Khaki
Optional Accessory		X	<u>Dress Tie</u> --Classic Navy Plaid, Classic Navy/Gold Stripe, Solid Classic Navy <u>Headband</u> --Classic Navy Plaid or Classic Navy <u>Belt</u> --Classic Navy Plaid

Additional Options This Year

The following dress code options for girls may be purchased at **local stores of your choice.** Many of the items are also available through Lands' end and French Toast.

Clothing Options	Style	Color	Other
Pants/Capris	Twill Docker, Chino only	Classic Navy or Classic Khaki (no olive or white-khaki)	No extra pockets, rivets, jean-style, or cargo. Low-rise, skinny-style, form-fitting, and cargo-style pants/capris are not permitted.

Clothing Options	Style	Color	Other
Shorts <i>Length: All shorts must come to the top of the knee</i>	Twill Docker, Chino, or Bermuda only	Classic Navy or Classic Khaki (no olive or white-khaki)	No extra pockets, rivets, jean-style, or cargo. Low-rise, skinny-style, form- fitting, and cargo-style shorts are not permitted.
Sweaters	Cardigan/ zip-front or button	Classic navy, grey or white	
Undershirts	T-shirt Cami Turtleneck	Solid navy or white	
Leggings/Tights	Solid	Solid navy, white, or gray only	Leggings may be worn under appropriate length skirt or dress.
Socks	Solid	Navy, brown, tan, black, grey, or white	
Scarves	Solid or pattern	Navy, khaki, gold, or white	
Belts	Solid	Black, brown, navy, or Lands' End Classic Navy Plaid	

OCA BOYS

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Lands' End and/or French Toast:

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Polos <i>Logo mandatory</i>	Polo Color Options available from each vendor: Lands' End or French Toast: Navy, White, Grey, Blue ONLY Lands' End: Maize, Gold		
	X	X	Unisex Interlock short sleeve

Polos <u>Logo mandatory</u>	X	X	Unisex interlock long sleeve
		X	Unisex Mesh short sleeve
		X	Unisex Mesh long sleeve
Shirts <u>Logos mandatory</u> <u>new or previously</u> <u>purchased</u>		X	Short-sleeve oxford--white or blue
		X	Long-sleeve oxford--white or blue
	X		Short-sleeve oxford--white only
	X		Long-sleeve oxford--white only
Quarter-Zip Outerwear <u>Logo mandatory</u> <u>new or previously</u> <u>purchased</u>		X	Lightweight Fleece, quarter-zip--Classic Navy
Pullover Sweaters or Vests <u>Logo mandatory</u> <u>new or previously</u> <u>purchased</u>		X	Classic Navy
Blazer <u>Logo optional</u>		X	Hopsack Blazer -- Deep Navy
Optional Accessory		X	Dress Tie--Classic Navy Plaid, Classic Navy/Gold Stripe, Solid Classic Navy

Additional Options This Year

The following dress code options for boys may be purchased at local stores of your choice. Many of the items are also available through Lands' end and French Toast.

Clothing Options	Style	Color	Other
Pants	Twill Docker, Chino only	Classic Navy or Classic Khaki (no olive or white-khaki)	No extra pockets, rivets, jean-style, or cargo. Skinny-style, form-fitting, and cargo- style pants are not permitted.

Clothing Options	Style	Color	Other
Shorts <i>Length: All shorts must come to the top of the knee</i>	Twill Docker, Chino only	Classic Navy or Classic Khaki (no olive or white-khaki)	No extra pockets, rivets, jean-style, or cargo. Skinny-style, form-fitting, and cargo-style shorts are not permitted.
Sweaters	Cardigan/ zip-front or button	Classic navy, grey or white	
Undershirts	T-shirt turtleneck	Solid Navy or white	
Socks	Solid	Navy, brown, tan, black, grey, or white	
Belts	Solid	Black, brown, or navy	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gentlemen in grades 6-12 must ensure their shirts are tucked in at all times. • Gentlemen in grades 6-12 must wear a belt. Belts must be solid black, brown, or navy. 		