

# Dress Code

## Uniforms:

Many studies have proven that students wearing uniforms show improved academic performance and demonstrate better behavior in school. We want our students to concentrate on their studies rather than personal attire. Thank you for your partnership in making sure clothing does not become an issue for your child or our staff, and for helping instill in your child a sense of school pride, equality among peers and good citizenship skills through adherence to school rules.

All 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to wear school uniforms each day, starting on the first day of school. The **Daily Uniform** consists of: Renaissance Academy embroidered shirts (navy and burgundy polos/turtlenecks (plus pink for girls), and white blouses/oxfords/dress shirts) and solid color khaki, navy, or gray pants (no outside stitching, i.e., cargo pants), skirts, skorts, or jumpers by French Toast or Lands' End uniforms (including burgundy/gray plaid skirts and jumpers by French Toast). *Gym shirts/shorts/sweatpants are only allowed on gym day.* Renaissance Academy sweaters or sweatshirts may be worn over collared uniform shirts if desired. Any shirt worn under the uniform must still be in solid uniform colors. All students must wear shoes suitable for outdoor play every day. Open-toed shoes, flip-flops, high-heeled shoes, and clogs are not allowed. **All shirts and sweaters/sweater vests must be embroidered and only Renaissance hoodies/sweatshirts are allowed in school.**

A **Dress/Formal Uniform** is required for announced special occasions. This uniform consists of – For Boys: gray dress slacks or shorts (grades 1-3 only); a white or light blue dress shirt; solid navy or maroon tie; navy blazer or navy or maroon Renaissance embroidered cardigan, long sleeve v-neck sweater or sweater vest; gray, navy or black socks; black belt; and comfortable black dress shoes.\* For Girls: gray skirt/jumper; white dress shirt; navy or maroon blazer or Renaissance embroidered navy or maroon cardigan, long sleeve v-neck sweater or sweater vest; white or gray tights or knee socks; black or gray flat or low- heeled comfortable dress shoes (less than 1" heel).\* Girls may wear optional navy or maroon tie or cross-tie if desired. \*Dress shoes should be comfortable as they are required for many field trips to places such as Chicago museums that include a significant amount of walking.

The **gym uniform** consisting of Renaissance t-shirt, gym shorts, and Renaissance warm up suit may be worn the full day of the student's gym class so they do not need to change. Gym uniforms items should not be worn on non-gym days. Team sports may require additional specialized uniforms.

Athletic shirts, shorts, sweatpants and sweatshirts must be purchased through Renaissance Academy or Lands' End. All other clothing items must be French Toast or Lands' End brand purchased through their online stores. Our source code with French Toast is: QS5ISGL and our Preferred School Number with Lands' End is: 900142209. Socks, shoes, belts and blazers may be purchased anywhere.

Do not allow your child to wear expensive jewelry to school, bring valuable personal objects from home, dye their hair unnatural colors, or wear make-up. No body piercings other than earrings are permitted. Hair must be kept neat and off the face; radical styles, unusual colors, spikes, and mohawks are not allowed. Renaissance is a workplace and extreme styles are a distraction to the work environment.

**\*PLEASE HELP US BY PURCHASING THE CORRECT CLOTHING AND SUPERVISE WHAT YOUR CHILD WEARS TO SCHOOL.** All clothing must be in good taste and not be revealing. No low cut or hanging pants or short shorts are allowed. Help us not become the uniform police by doing your part to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for school. Children move about, sit on the floor, climb play equipment, run, and play soccer. We do not wish for children to become embarrassed if clothing does not fit properly.

These policies will be strictly enforced. Students who arrive out of uniform will not be allowed in class. The parents will be called to bring the proper attire and/or the student will be provided with uniform clothing and the family will be charged.