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DRESS CODE

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General Information

Providence Heights Alpha School is a private Catholic elementary school, which maintains the right to establish a uniform dress code for its students. It is recognized that proper school attire and good grooming are conducive to a student's educational and social development. This dress code was developed:

- to promote a Christian atmosphere
- to free children for academic concentration
- to de-emphasize competition among children regarding clothing
- to allow more economical dress for school
- to provide some choices to accommodate individual differences

The dress code is required of all students in kindergarten through eighth grade. This policy is intended to maintain a standard of dress that is neat, economical, modest, and attractive.

The general requirements are outlined below, along with detailed information regarding weather-related, chapel day, shoe, outerwear, and non-uniform day requirements, as well as specifics on vendor information.

For PreK Students

Pre-kindergarten students should dress in comfortable play clothes that promote independent movement. For Pre-K students, visible, athletic shoes are required, especially on gym days. Tennis shoes with Velcro straps are recommended. Please, no sandals or open toed shoes. Simple hair accessories and jewelry are permitted. Please avoid large and excessive jewelry.

Should you have any questions regarding the school's dress code, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Uniform Vendors

Providence Heights Alpha School uses two vendors for uniforms, [Lands' End](#) and [Schoolbelles](#).

Schoolbelles offers online purchases or phone purchases. Schoolbelles also has a physical store located at 4721 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. The local store phone number is (412) 630-8480. When ordering at Schoolbelles, the preferred school number is: S2127

Catalogs for both vendors can be obtained at the Alpha School front office.

Providence Heights Alpha School also has a school store called the Eagles' Nest, which is located at the bottom of the steps at the main door entrance of the school. Here, gently worn uniform items may be purchased at a discount.

Dress Code Requirements: Boys, Grades K-8

Tops	Colors	<p style="text-align: center;">Combinations of uniform clothing are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy pants/shorts with a white shirt or polo only • Khaki pants/shorts with white or navy shirt or polo <p style="text-align: center;">Chapel Day Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxford white shirt with the Alpha logo • Mass tie to be worn all day • No outerwear may be worn in the chapel
Oxford shirt with Alpha logo – short or long sleeves	White	
Polo style knit shirt with Alpha logo – short or long sleeves	White or Navy	
Bottoms	Colors	
Pants	Navy or khaki (no cargo pants)	
Shorts (<i>Aug-Oct 31 & April 1-June</i>)	Navy or khaki (no cargo pants)	
Accessories	Colors	
Mass tie - REQUIRED on Mass days	Navy, Alpha plaid, or green & navy stripe	
Belt - optional	Solid navy, black, or brown	
Shoes/Socks	Colors	
Non-athletic “looking” – low cut dress, casual leather, or canvas. NO Converse.	Solid navy, black, brown, white, or neutral	
Socks – knee-high, crew, or ankle (<i>no show socks are not permitted</i>) (<i>Must be worn with all shoe types</i>)	Solid navy, black, brown, white, or neutral	
Boots (<i>Nov 1 – Mar 31</i>)	Solid navy, black, brown, white, or neutral	
Gym Uniform	Colors	
Gym shirt with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Gray	
Gym shorts with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only Aug-Oct 31 & April 1-June</i>)	Navy	
Gym sweatpants with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Navy	
Athletic shoes/socks (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Any color	
Outerwear		
Various items available. If worn in the building... Must be embroidered with Alpha School logo Must be purchased through Lands End or Schoolbellies No Spirit outerwear is permitted to be worn in the classroom unless it is a specified dress down Spirit Day		

General Dress Code Requirements: Boys, Grades K-8

- Shirts are to be tucked in and worn neatly. (**Untucked shirts will be a dress code violation**)
- Pants, shorts, and sweatpants are to be worn at the natural waistline or slightly below. Clothing may not be rolled at the waist line or worn below the hip line.
- Socks are required and no show socks are not permitted.
- Spirit wear, athletic coats, and winter jackets are **only** permitted to be worn during recess and transitions between buildings. **Only outerwear with the Alpha School logo may be worn in the school building.**
- Hair color should be natural and hair styles are to be neat and conservative and should not cover the eyes as to obstruct a student’s vision. (Purple, green, blue, pink hair color is not permitted)

Not Permitted: • Earrings of any kind. •Hats, bandanas, tattoos and body piercing

Dress Code Requirements: Girls, Grades K-3

Tops	Colors	<p style="text-align: center;">Combinations of uniform clothing are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plaid jumper with white blouse, or white or navy polo shirt Navy jumper with a white blouse or polo only Navy pants/shorts with a white polo only Khaki pants/shorts with white or navy polo
Blouse – short or long sleeves	White	
Polo style knit shirt with Alpha logo – short or long sleeves	White or Navy	
Bottoms	Colors	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapel Day Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White shirt Mass tie to be worn all day No outerwear may be worn in the chapel
Jumper (<i>only sold at Schoolbelles</i>)	Navy or plaid	
Pants	Navy or khaki, (no cargo pants)	
Shorts (<i>Aug-Oct 31 & April 1-June</i>)	Navy or khaki (no cargo shorts)	
Biker shorts (<i>for under jumper</i>)	Solid navy or black	
Accessories	Colors	
Tights or Leggings	Solid navy, black, or white	
Mass tie – criss-cross REQUIRED on Mass days	Navy	
Belt - optional	Solid navy, black, or brown	
Shoes/Socks	Colors	
Non-athletic “looking” – low cut dress, casual leather, or canvas. NO Converse.	Solid navy, black, brown, white, or neutral	
Socks – knee-high, crew, or ankle, ped – <i>no show socks are not permitted (Must be worn with all shoe types)</i>	Solid navy, black, brown, white, or neutral	
Boots (<i>Nov 1 – Mar 31</i>)	Solid navy, black, brown, white, or neutral	
Gym Uniform	Colors	
Gym shirt with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Gray	
Gym shorts with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only Aug-Oct 31 & April 1-June</i>)	Navy	
Gym sweatpants with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Navy	
Athletic shoes/socks (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Any color	
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- Blouses and shirts are to be tucked in and worn neatly.
- Pants, shorts, skirts, and sweatpants are to be worn at the natural waistline or slightly below. Clothing may not be rolled at the waistline or worn below the hip line.
- Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be worn in a conservative fashion, not greater than three inches above the knee.
- Socks are required (and must be seen). No show socks are not permitted.
- Spirit wear, athletic coats, and winter jackets are **only** permitted to be worn during recess and transitions between buildings. **Only outerwear with the Alpha School logo may be worn in the school building.**
- Hair color should be natural and hair styles are to be neat and conservative and should not cover the eyes as to obstruct the student's vision (Purple, green, pink, blue, hair color is not permitted).
- Simple hair accessories are permitted (No cat ears, unicorn horns, etc.)
- Girls are permitted to wear nail polish and small earrings in a conservative manner.

Not Permitted: •Large or dangling earrings or excessive amount of jewelry or makeup •Hats, bandanas, tattoos and body piercing

Dress Code Requirements: Girls, Grades 4-8

Tops	Colors	
Blouse with Alpha logo – short or long sleeves	White	
Polo style knit shirt with Alpha logo – short or long sleeves	White or Navy	
Bottoms	Colors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaid skirt with white blouse, or white or navy polo shirt • Navy pants/shorts/skirt with a white polo only • Khaki pants/shorts/skirts with white or navy polo
Skirts	Navy, khaki or plaid	
Pants	Navy or khaki (no cargo pants)	
Shorts (<i>Aug-Oct 31 & April 1-June</i>)	Navy or khaki (no cargo shorts)	
Biker shorts (<i>for under skirt</i>)	Solid navy or black	
Accessories	Colors	
Tights or Leggings	Solid navy, black, or white	
Mass tie- criss-cross REQUIRED on Mass days	Navy	
Belt - optional	Navy, black, or brown	
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Gym shorts with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only Aug-Oct 31 & Apr. 1-Jun</i>)	Navy	
Gym sweatpants with Alpha logo (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Navy	
Athletic shoes (<i>for gym days only</i>)	Any color	
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- Pants, shorts, skirts, and sweatpants are to be worn at the natural waistline or slightly below. Clothing may not be rolled at the waist line or worn below the hip line. **(Clothes worn below the hip line will be a dress code violation)**
- Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be worn in a conservative fashion, not greater than three inches above the knee. **(Short skirts will be a dress code violation)**
- Socks are required (and must be seen). No show socks are not permitted.
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Non-Uniform Days/Dress Down Days

Alpha School has several dress down days throughout the school year (i.e., holiday celebrations, spirit days, and Wacky Wednesdays). Non-uniform day attire must reflect the theme of the event/follow the spirit of the dress code or students may choose to wear their uniform. On these days, students are permitted to wear jeans, sweat pants, or track pants. Athletic shoes are permitted on non-uniform/dress down days. Students are NOT permitted to wear sandals, flip-flops, slip ons, high heels, etc for safety reasons. Students are also not permitted to wear short shorts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, clothes with offensive logos, jeans or shirts with holes, lounge pants, PJ pants, etc. If tight fitting pants, yoga pants, leggings are worn, they must be accompanied by a long top shirt that covers the buttocks.

Uniform Violations

Uniform violations shall be taken seriously and begin with a verbal reminder to adhere to the dress code policy.

Dress Code Violations include not wearing your tie all day on Mass days, shirts being untucked, short skirts, wearing shoes without socks.

Clothes from the Eagle's Nest will be used to correct dress code infractions immediately when possible.

If a student "forgets" to wear his/her tie on Friday for Mass, the student will be required to wear a tie everyday the following week.

For other dress code violations that are more difficult to correct immediately - shoes, hair color, etc., parents still be notified and asked to rectify the situation.

Homeroom teachers will complete a dress code check on each student upon arrival and send the student to the office to correct the dress code violation. Homeroom teachers will also be responsible for informing parents/guardians via email regarding the dress code violation. Classroom teachers throughout the school day can and should document any dress code violations, especially untucked shirts.

Continued and/or flagrant disregard of the dress code may result in in-school suspension until the dress code is adhered to or a plan is developed.