



Dear Middle Division Families:

As you know, all Academy students in grades PK3-8th are required to wear selected tops and bottoms from the *Lands' End School* website as part of the school's Uniform Dress Code. We have updated the Daily Uniform options for the 2024-2025 School Year, with Spirit Shirts being worn on Fridays or other specially designated days. **The embroidered Academy logo is a mandatory feature of the shirts, both for the Daily Uniform (Polo) and the Dress Uniform (Oxford).** For your convenience, we've included a grade-specific Ordering Guide that lists the catalog items acceptable for Academy students. You can very easily locate the list of approved Academy items by going to [Lands' End](#) and then click "Shop By School" to create a School Uniform Account to order.

Please note:

- **DAILY UNIFORM:** Only shorts, pants, and skirts specified on the Lands' End Ordering Guide are permitted. Shorts and skirts must be modest, work-appropriate in length, and not shorter than 3" (three inches) from the top of the kneecap. Please be sure to order only those skirts listed as "Top of the Knee" or "Below the Knee." ***Please note that none of the shorts or "Above the Knee" skirts are permitted. Please have uniform bottoms hemmed, if necessary, to the correct length so that students are not tempted to roll their skirts or shorts.***
- **UNIFORM RECYCLING:** If you request items from our Uniform Recycling program, please make sure the length and style of the item follows the above guidelines. Because they are gently used, the size and length may be somewhat adjusted from laundering.
- **DRESS UNIFORM:** Our official custom-made Academy at the Lakes tie is a required part of our Dress Uniform for the boys and an optional addition for the girls. It is available for purchase at the McCormick Hall Front Desk. Dress Uniform shirts must be white or blue, with the embroidered Academy logo, and *long-sleeved*. Dress Uniform bottoms must be

Khaki or Classic Navy. In addition, 5th/6th Grade must purchase a **navy** Dress Uniform Chino bottoms for performances and 7th/8th graders who enroll in either Winds, Strings and/or Chorus must purchase a **black** Dress Uniform Chino bottoms for performances. A black or brown leather belt (where bottoms have belt loops) and black or brown leather dress shoes are required with both the Dress Uniform and the Performance Uniform.

- **OUTERWEAR:** Students are welcome to wear sweatshirts, sweaters, or jackets when needed. **Students have two options for sweaters and sweatshirts:** they may be ordered from among those listed in the *Lands' End* Ordering Guide or spirit sweatshirts may be ordered online through [Game One](#). Families can order from the comfort of their home and items will be shipped directly to them in 7-10 days. 8th graders have the privilege of wearing a college sweatshirt of their choice. **No other sweatshirts/sweaters are permitted for any Middle Division student.** On very cold days, students may wear a jacket of their choosing but must remove it when entering any building.
- **PE UNIFORMS:** Please complete the PE Uniform ordering form on the Academy at the Lakes website to purchase PE uniforms for the upcoming school year. The cost of the uniforms will be billed directly to your FACTS account. **Students may only wear Academy PE shirts and shorts. No other athletic wear - including spirit shirts are allowed for PE classes.**

Please help us to teach our students about integrity by conscientiously following the Dress Code. "Dressing for work" is a natural part of all our lives. **Students who arrive at school out of Dress Code will be subject progressive consequences until they show mastery of the expectations..** Other Dress Code policies (i.e. shoes, socks, hats, hair, jewelry) can be found in the Middle Division Family Handbook. Please take a moment each morning to ensure that your child is appropriately dressed before they walk out the door. Thank you very much in advance for your assistance.

With thanks,

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