

****NEW** OCS Uniform Expectations 2026-2027**

The purpose of the uniform policy is to list the permitted clothing. It **CANNOT** be a list of clothing not permitted.

The uniform is to fit properly and be worn in the proper fashion.

Students' uniforms are expected to be clean and in good repair (zippers fixed, buttons attached, holes in knees repaired, and hems in). Uniforms need to be replaced as needed for proper fit.

A student may be asked to remove any accessory to his/her uniform dress if, in the opinion of the principal or teacher, the accessory is potentially distracting or disruptive to the education process.

** New uniforms are required to be worn in grades 4-6 beginning with the 2028-2029 school year.

** New uniforms are required to be worn in grades K-3 beginning with the 2029-2030 school year.

LANDS' END IS THE ONLY APPROVED VENDOR FOR NEW UNIFORMS FOR THE OWENSBORO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

New uniforms are optional for grades K-6 until the school years listed above. If families choose to purchase new uniform attire during the 2026-2027 school year, the new uniform pieces must be purchased exclusively at Lands' End. Uniform attire purchased through Lands' End must contain the required school monograms. Visit the Lands' End Owensboro Catholic Schools [Custom Shopping Site](#) to see our list of approved items for K-6. Our Lands' End preferred school number is 900208968.

Girls – Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Khaki uniform pants, shorts, and skorts must be purchased through Lands' End. A plaid skort is also available as an option for girls and must be purchased through Lands' End.

Plaid jumpers may be worn in grades K-3 ONLY and must be purchased through Lands' End. A white or navy monogrammed shirt purchased through Lands' End must be worn under plaid jumpers. Shorts (purchased from anywhere) must also be worn underneath plaid jumpers.

Shorts, skorts, and jumpers are to be of modest length and extend to at least one inch past fingertip length when the student's arms are resting naturally at her sides. Skorts may not be rolled at the waist. *These guidelines also apply to navy skirts, shorts, or jumpers during the transition years.*

Shirts: White or Navy

- Navy shirts may only be purchased from the Lands' End list of approved items for OCS. All navy shirts must include the required school monogram.
- White shirts with the school monogram will be required to be purchased from Lands' End beginning in the full implementation year. Until then, plain white polo shirts without the school monogram purchased from anywhere may be worn.
- Only plain white t-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform shirt.
- No turtlenecks may be worn.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Quarter-Zip Pullovers: Navy

- Navy quarter-zip pullovers may only be purchased from the Lands' End list of approved items for OCS.
- All pullovers must include the required school monogram.
- The quarter-zip pullovers are the only approved items that can be worn over uniform shirts during the school day.

Additional Girls' Uniform Guidelines

- Belts, tights/leggings, socks, and shoes are not required to be purchased through Lands' End. These items may be purchased through any store if items meet the guidelines below.
 - Belts must be worn if shorts or pants have belt loops in grades 3-6.
 - Solid white, navy, gray, or black tights or leggings may be worn under skorts or jumpers.
 - Colorful or printed tights are not allowed.
 - Solid color socks must be worn and visible above the shoe.
 - Shoes with lace ties must be tied securely to the foot at all times.
 - Open toe and/or open back shoes, including sandals, clogs, flip-flops, crocs, slippers, and shoes with wheels are never permitted. Closed toe and closed heel shoes must be worn.
- Earrings may be worn but may not extend below the earlobe.
- No other body piercings or visible tattoos are permitted.
- No gaudy or inappropriate jewelry is permitted.
- Artificial fingernails are not permitted.
- Make-up is not permitted.
- No logos or branding may appear on uniform clothing other than the approved school monogram.
- Hair should be neat, clean, well-groomed, and should in no way cover the eyes. Only natural hair colors are permitted. Hair that is distracting to the learning environment will not be allowed.
- No hats, scarfs, bandanas, or head coverings shall be allowed once you enter the school. Appropriate headbands to hold hair in place are acceptable.
- Writing or drawing on skin poses a health hazard and is not permitted.
- Jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, or other non-uniform quarter-zips may not be worn during school hours.

Boys – Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Khaki uniform pants and shorts must be purchased through Lands' End.

Shirts: White or Navy

- Navy shirts may only be purchased from the Lands' End list of approved items for OCS. All navy shirts must include the required school monogram.
- White shirts with the school monogram will be required to be purchased from Lands' End beginning in the full implementation year. Until then, plain white polo shirts without the school monogram purchased from anywhere may be worn.
- Only plain white t-shirts may be worn underneath the uniform shirt.
- No turtlenecks may be worn.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Quarter-Zip Pullovers: Navy

- Navy quarter-zip pullovers may only be purchased from the Lands' End list of approved items for OCS.
- All pullovers must include the required school monogram.
- The quarter-zip pullovers are the only approved items that can be worn over uniform shirts during the school day.

Additional Boys' Uniform Guidelines

- Belts, socks, and shoes are not required to be purchased through Lands' End. These items may be purchased through any store if items meet the guidelines below.
 - Belts must be worn if shorts or pants have belt loops in grades 3-6.
 - Solid color socks must be worn and visible above the shoe.
 - Shoes with lace ties must be tied securely to the foot at all times.
 - Open toe and/or open back shoes, including sandals, clogs, flip-flops, crocs, slippers, and shoes with wheels are never permitted. Closed toe and closed heel shoes must be worn.
- Leggings are not permitted to be worn under uniform shorts.
- Boys may not wear skirts, jumpers, or skorts.
- No earrings, body piercings, or visible tattoos are permitted.
- No gaudy or inappropriate jewelry is permitted.
- No logos or branding may appear on uniform clothing other than the approved school monogram.
- Hair should be neat, clean, well-groomed, and should in no way cover the eyes. Only natural hair colors are permitted. Hair that is distracting to the learning environment will not be allowed.

- No hats, scarves, bandanas, or head coverings shall be allowed once you enter the school.
- Writing or drawing on skin poses a health hazard and is not permitted.
- Jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts, or other non-uniform quarter-zips may not be worn during school hours.

ANY DEVIATION OF THE DRESS CODE IS BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRINCIPAL.

Wednesday Dress Code for Athletic and Other Extra-Curriculars (4-6 Campus ONLY)

- Students may wear "Wednesday attire" only on Wednesdays during the season of the OCS team or extra-curricular group (from the Wednesday of their FIRST GAME until the Wednesday of the LAST GAME, not during pre-season practice).
- The WHOLE TEAM must wear the same jersey, t-shirt, or sweatshirt. No other shirt may be worn.
- Shirts must remain tucked in.
- Wednesday attire refers only to clothing from the waist up. It must be worn with uniform shorts, pants, or skirt.

Guidelines for Friday Attire

"Faith in Education" t-shirts may be worn with uniform bottoms. Faith in Education t-shirts will be provided to all OCS students free of charge at the beginning of the school year.

Non-Uniform Day Attire

Dress for all students is to be modest in length, appearance, and style at all times. Styles that are too short, tight fitting or too revealing, or otherwise inappropriate for school are not permitted. Questions about particular styles should be asked ahead of time. All decisions related to proper dress will be made by the principal.

- Shorts or skirts must be the same length as students' uniform shorts.
- T-shirts must have no questionable printing or pictures (if in doubt, don't wear it).
- No sleeveless shirts or dresses without a shirt underneath
- No pajama pants
- Jeans may be worn, but must fit modestly without holes.
- No exposed shoulders or backless attire
- No see-through attire
- No political attire promoting or endorsing any candidates or public figures
- No hats
- No yoga/spandex pants or leggings/jeggings

If rules are not followed, students will be placed in a uniform provided by the school or parents may be contacted, if needed.

Transition Period Kindergarten – 6th Grade Frequently Asked Questions

*** New uniforms are required to be worn in grades 4-6 beginning with the 2028-2029 school year.*

*** New uniforms are required to be worn in grades K-3 beginning with the 2029-2030 school year.*

During the transition years, prior to full implementation of the new uniform policy, students in grades K–6 may wear a combination of items from both the old and new uniforms.

The examples below illustrate several acceptable combinations; however, they are not intended to represent every possible situation. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and support as we work together through this transition. Additional situations will be addressed as they arise.

Please contact your child's principal if you have specific questions or need clarification regarding the uniform policy.

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- **4-6 Campus Principal:** Carrie Osborne (carrie.osborne@owensborocatholic.org)

Frequently Asked Questions (Applicable During the Transition Years ONLY)

- 1) Can my child wear khaki bottoms purchased from anywhere?**
 - a. No, khaki bottoms are considered a piece of NEW uniform clothing. Therefore, all khaki bottoms must be purchased from Lands' End and contain the required monograms.
- 2) Can my child wear khaki bottoms purchased from Lands' End with a white polo shirt purchased from anywhere? Is it okay if the white polo shirt is not monogrammed?**
 - a. Yes, the white polo shirt is considered a piece of OLD uniform clothing, so it can be purchased from anywhere during the transition years. The white polo shirt is not required to be monogrammed until the new uniform implementation year.
- 3) Can my child wear khaki bottoms purchased from Lands' End with a navy polo shirt purchased from anywhere? Is it okay if the navy polo shirt is not monogrammed?**
 - a. Because the navy polo shirt is considered a piece of NEW uniform clothing, it must be purchased from Lands' End. All NEW uniform pieces must be purchased from Lands' End and contain the required monograms.

4) Can my child wear the old navy bottoms with a navy polo shirt?

- a. Yes, but the navy polo shirt must be purchased from Lands' End and contain the required monogram. The old navy bottoms may be purchased from anywhere.

5) Can my child wear the old green uniform sweatshirts with new khaki bottoms?

- a. Yes, green uniform sweatshirts may be worn with khaki, navy, or plaid bottoms during the transition period. However, green sweatshirts will no longer be restocked in the OCS Scrip Office. Once the Scrip Office is sold out of green uniform sweatshirts, families will be required to purchase the navy quarter-zip pullovers from Lands' End.

6) Can navy or white cardigans be worn with new khaki bottoms?

- a. Yes, during the transition years, navy or white cardigan sweaters may be worn with any uniform bottoms. After the transition period, navy or white cardigan sweaters will no longer be permitted. The quarter-zip pullover will be the only outerwear allowed to be worn during the school day.