



UNIFORM POLICY AND DRESS CODE

All students at OAc are required to wear school uniforms to develop student attitudes and behaviors that honor our Lord Jesus Christ and promote spiritual growth.

That desire at Olivet Academy is that all things be pleasing to the Lord and in a manner that will honor Him, recognizing, of course, that true Christianity is a matter of the heart and not always the outward appearance. However, it is true that appearance is important. In I Thessalonians 5:22, it states: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Samuel notes, "The Lord looks on the heart . . . man looks on the outward appearance." However, Peter puts his finger on the real issue when he states that our attractiveness should not be based on what we wear but on "the hidden man of the heart... even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." People represent the feelings and thoughts of their hearts through their dress and actions. Therefore, a person's clothing and the way they wear it should represent a desire to please God and honor Him.

All students will follow the school dress code unless otherwise specified by the administration for special events and activities. Teachers will check their students' clothing each morning to identify any dress code violations and will complete a uniform violation form for any student who is not dressed according to the school dress code. The first time a student is not within the dress code guidelines, the parents will be notified by email. A student who is inappropriately attired may be required to wear the school chapel attire on non-chapel days. In the event a student comes to school without proper attire but with a note of explanation from a parent, the student should be sent to the office with the note before attending classes. Final authority for judgment calls rests with the area principal.

Student Attire Guidelines

Student attire must meet the following guidelines:

- *Be conservative, neat, clean, pressed, and modest*
- *Not be severely faded, dirty, torn, and immodest or otherwise present a disheveled appearance*
- *Shoes must be clean or polished (leather shoes)*
- *Be clearly labeled with student's name (the school is not responsible for lost or damaged clothing)*

When in uniform, **a student should wear it properly at all times.** Students are required to be in uniform during school hours, unless other attire has been approved in advance. In high school, some students go directly to work or other activities where their school uniform is inappropriate.

Therefore, with permission from the office, students may request and be permitted to change before leaving campus. The administration will designate proper dress for special event and activity days.

Olivet Academy administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of all dress code issues at school and at any school sponsored or endorsed functions.

Several key principles to keep in mind:

- Our goal is to honor God in all we do, acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our choices.
- All human actions, including outward manifestations such as clothing, reveal and communicate the disposition of the heart.
- Clothing represents the vocational calling of the student, and inherent in the uniform standards is a desire to create an environment where undue attention is not drawn to specific students.
- Modesty is expected in all manners of dress. Uniforms offer coverage and comfort for students.
- Clothing promotes unity, identity and school pride. It reflects our image appropriately with a consistent appearance.
- Parents are expected to actively support school uniform expectations.

Benefits include as follows. Uniforms

- Ensures safety. They make it easier to identify our students.
- Helps students feel less social pressure.
- Helps students stay focused and disciplined and promote achievement of educational goals.
- Eliminate label competition and offer optimal learning experience.
- More cost effective. Changing to uniforms saves time on decisions on what to wear.

Uniforms should be clean and in good repair, and students are expected to be in uniform while on campus unless specified otherwise. The administration is responsible for the determination of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, faculty, and staff.

If you have uniforms in good condition that are too small for your child(ren), please donate to the school to be re-used by other students in need.

Uniform Dress Code (Grades 6-12)



GIRL UNIFORM



BOY UNIFORM

- These uniforms are for 7th-12th Grade. Please refer to uniform guidelines for 6th Grade and up for students who are 6th grade and higher.
- Students should ENTER and EXIT the building each day in dress code compliance.
- Please label all the uniforms in case they get lost.
- Colors of the dress shirts are White. Grade 6-8 students may wear polo white shirts but not recommended. Color of the tie is Burgundy. Color of the skirts and pants are black. Color of sweaters and vest is grey.
- All ties must be purchased by French Toast. www.frenchtoast.com Other uniforms may be purchased at The Gap, Old Navy, Walmart, Target, and Lands End). The pants or shorts must be black and be flat-fronted or pleated. No cargo pants, corduroy, or jeans-style pants are to be worn. No holes in pants or trays hems allowed.
- Clothing must be neat, clean, modest, hemmed, and SIZE/LENGTH APPROPRIATE.
- Any item of outerwear may be worn to school, but any outerwear entering the classroom or worn in the hallways must be school uniforms.
- Skirts for girls must be no more than 2 inches above the knee (approximately the width of 3 fingers).
- Undershirts must be SHORT-SLEEVED, SOLID (no writing), and WHITE ONLY. No other color undershirts may be worn.
- Tights and leggings must be mid-calf or longer in length and must be white or black. Girl's knee socks must be solid white, or black.
- Winter coats (for outside use) do not have to be in school colors.
- Shoes must be: black or white and closed toe.
- All shoes must be properly worn and shoes intended to have laces may not be worn without laces or untied.
- All shoes should be in good condition.

UNIFORM DRESS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

- Boys: Khaki Pants, White Polo, and visible School Uniform Tie. Sweater/vest are recommended. Ties must be tied and fitted appropriately with the top button of the shirt fastened.
- Girls: Plaid Skirt with white polo and visible school uniform tie. Sweater/vest are recommended.

Physical Education/Athletic Dress

- Grey round shirt. If you have V neck shirt that was purchased earlier, it can be worn, but grey polo cannot be worn in place of PE grey shirts.
- Sweatpants/Hoodie/fleece gym shorts/mesh shorts are in navy blue color.



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