



## *Uniform Policy*

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**Student Responsibility:** Students are expected to adhere to the uniform policy as outlined. If a student is out of uniform at any time during the day, he/she will be asked to comply with the uniform guidelines, and if needed, a phone call will be made to parents to assist in the matter. Students who are out of uniform will be given 3 violation warnings. Parents will also be notified of these warnings. For any following violations, the student will be given an infraction and will need to call a parent to bring the correct uniform item to change into. If the parent is unable to bring the needed item, the student can look for the item needed in the used uniform cabinet to change into. The items are \$5.00 each. If we have extra unused items available, the student can pay extra to buy the item new. Students in 1st-4th grades are encouraged (but not required) to keep an extra uniform set in their locker. Students NS-K are expected to always keep an extra set of clothing on hand at the school.

**Parent Responsibility:** Parents are expected to know the uniform policy and ensure their students are properly dressed for school. If parents are contacted regarding their student's uniform, they are expected to bring appropriate clothes to their child or make arrangements for them to change, or to purchase a used item for \$5.00 or a new item for an additional cost for their child to change into.

**Teacher Responsibility:** Teachers check uniform dress before they begin each class. If a student is still not adhering to the policy after 3 warnings, the front desk is notified to make a call to the parents to bring a change of clothes. If a parent is unable to bring the clothing item needed, their account will be charged for either a new or used item for the student to wear the remainder of the day. Teachers enforce the uniform policy throughout the day.

### ***Grooming Guidelines***

The appearance of the student body affects the environment of the entire school. In addition to the uniform, students are expected to dress and groom in a neat, clean, and modest fashion. Students are to maintain these standards while on campus, including before and after classes, and when representing the school during off-campus activities.

- **Grooming:** Uniforms must be kept clean and in good repair. No torn or cut off pants. Shorts should be mid-thigh length or longer. Shirts must have shoulder straps. No off-the-shoulder styles or crop top/belly shirts. Shoes and socks must be worn at all times while on campus.

- **Hairstyles:** Hair should be clean and well kept. Hairstyles must be conservative and should reflect the environment of the school. Long hair should be kept out of eyes and face. (Ponytails, buns, and top knots are allowed to keep hair out of eyes and face.) Certain hairstyles are not allowed and students may not be allowed to attend school until remedied. These include, but are not limited to:
  1. Bright, unnatural colored hair
  2. Shaved heads or designs shaved into the haircut
  3. Mohawks or long, spiked hair (more than 1 inch high)
  4. Dreadlocks, Jedi Braids, Rat-tails, etc.
- **Accessories:** Boys and girls may wear *simple* accessories, such as a watch, ring, bracelet, or single necklace. No large or dangling necklaces. No large chains, spikes, dog collar type necklaces/bracelets, bandanas, or neck scarves. No hair or face glitter. Girls may wear one pair of earrings. No other visible body piercing is permitted. Girls may wear a matching headband or hair bow. Hats are only allowed on designated special event “hat days.” Winter hats can be worn outside only, as weather dictates. Belts (solid brown or black only) are required.

Mondays (Tues if no school Mon) and Special Event Days	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	Fridays
Dress Uniform	Regular Uniform	School Spirit Day (or earned WOW day)

### ***Fridays***

- **School Spirit Days are every Friday.** Students can wear an Arches Academy t-shirt with jeans or other nice pants as described below, or their Dress or regular uniform.
  - An Arches Academy t-shirt: navy Arches t-shirt, school play t-shirts, or Writing rally t-shirts. T-shirts do not have to be tucked in.
  - Arches Academy hoodies are acceptable on Spirit Days.
  - Jeans, uniform pants, or nice casual pants—no sweat pants, gym shorts, etc.
  - Tennis shoes
- **WOW Days (Wear Own Wardrobe) are earned by students by being in uniform for 9 days in a row.** (M-F of one week and M-Th of the next week to earn a WOW day the next day–Friday.) Admin may also add WOW Days for the whole school or certain grades at their discretion. Students and parents will be notified of additional WOW days in advance. Non-uniform clothing must still be appropriate for school activities and the weather. *Grooming and Accessory rules still apply.* Open toe shoes ARE allowed on WOW days in “non-winter” months of August- October and April-May. (No flip-flops.) If the student has PE on WOW days, please bring tennis shoes. No hats—hats are only allowed on ‘special event’ dress days.

### ***Fieldtrip Days***

Teachers will notify students and parents of the appropriate dress for each field trip. Some field trips will be Dress Uniform so we can represent our school the very best. Lanyards may be distributed by teachers and students must wear these at all times on the field trip.

### ***Purchasing Uniform Clothing***

Our main uniform supplier is [French Toast](#). If you find uniform items at other companies that have the EXACT SAME look (fabric, cut, and color) as the items at French Toast and on our Visual Uniform guide, they are acceptable. Some uniform items *must* have the school logo. French Toast can do the logos, or you can get logos done faster here in town at [Anderson Monogram](#).

The Arches Academy plaid jumper is only available here: [globalschoolwear.com](http://globalschoolwear.com). A few other approved uniform items are available there as well.

We also have some gently used uniform items at the school. These items can be purchased for \$5.00 each, or exchanged 1 item for 1 item.

### **Uniform Requirements**

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#### **Nursery School, Preschool, Pre-K**

##### ***Dress Uniform Only; No Regular or Daily Uniform***

###### **Dress Uniform**

For Mondays (Tuesday if Monday is a no-school day) and Special Event Days.

**1 set required** (Can be worn daily as well.)

**Girls:** French Toast Ruffle Pique Polo Dress with school logo, white socks, solid black/brown/navy shoes.

**Boys:** Lt Blue polo with school logo, navy pants or shorts, solid color socks, solid black/brown/navy shoes.

#### **Kindergarten-4th Grade Uniform Requirements**

###### **Dress Uniform**

For Mondays (Tuesday if Monday is a no-school day) and Special Event Days.

**1 set required** (These items can be worn on other days as well if the student chooses.)

**Girls:** Custom Plaid Jumper, white Peter Pan blouse with logo, white socks, navy cross tie

**Boys:** Lt blue oxford with logo, navy pants/shorts, solid color socks, plaid tie, belt

**All:** Solid black/brown/navy shoes

###### **Regular Uniform**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (Fridays by choice.)

###### **Shirts**

- White Polo (with logo) or Red Polo
- Girls: White Peter Pan blouse with logo
- Boys: Light blue Oxford shirt with logo

All shirts must be tucked in. Shirts must be in good repair, fit appropriately, and must not be dirty/stained. Both long or short sleeves are allowed. (No long sleeve shirts *under* short sleeve shirts.)

###### **Sweaters, Jackets, Blazers**

Students should have a sweater/jacket for cold days.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy or Red Cardigan, Crew, or V-neck</li> <li>• Navy or Red V-Neck Vest</li> <li>• Fleece Pullover or Blazer—logo required</li> </ul>	School logo on sweaters optional. No coats or non-Arches jackets in class.
<b>Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Skortts</b> (No shorts Nov-Mar) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy only</li> <li>• Solid Navy Leggings: <i>ONLY under skirts, not as pants alone.</i></li> </ul>	No torn or cut-off pants are acceptable. Skirts, skorts, and shorts are to be no shorter than fingertips-at-thigh length.
<b>Jumpers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Classic Navy White’ plaid</li> </ul>	Only available at <a href="#">GlobalSchoolWear</a> on their Arches Academy uniform page.
<b>Shoes, Socks, Tights</b> (Boots: Nov-March only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Solid</b> black, brown, or navy shoes. Laces and soles must be in the same color.</li> <li>• <b>Solid</b> color socks or tights in white or navy</li> </ul>	Shoes must be closed toe and heel. No designs, glitter, jewels, or more than one color. Light-up, platform, high heeled, or roller-skate shoes are not permitted.
<b>Belts (No belts for K)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leather or fabric in solid black or brown.</li> </ul>	A belt must be worn with pants at all times. No wide extravagant belts permitted. Brown or black only.
<b>Ties:</b> Navy or plaid--optional for daily wear	<i>Plaid</i> ties are only available for purchase at Arches.

**Gym Clothes:** Gym clothes are not required for NS-4 students. Students may bring tennies to change into.

**Accessories and Grooming:** please refer to the Grooming section of the Uniform Policy.

## Grades 5th-9th Uniform Requirements

<p><b><u>Dress Uniform</u></b></p> <p>For Mondays (Tuesday if Monday is a no -school day) and Special Event Days.  <b>1 set required</b> (These items can be worn on other days as well if the student chooses.)  <b>Girls:</b> Custom Plaid skirt, white oxford logo blouse, logo blazer, white socks, plaid cross tie  <b>Boys:</b> White oxford with school logo, logo blazer, khaki pants, dark solid color socks, belt, plaid tie  <b>All:</b> solid black/brown/navy shoes</p>
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<p><b><u>Regular Uniform</u></b></p> <p>Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (Fridays by choice.)</p>	
<b>Shirt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Polo with Arches Logo</li> <li>• Forest Green or Navy Polo (no logo)</li> <li>• White Blouse or White Oxford with logo</li> </ul>	All shirts must be tucked in. A <i>plain white</i> t-shirt or tank may be worn under the uniform shirt.
<b>Pants/Shorts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khaki twill or cotton twill blend</li> </ul>	Pants, skirts, and skorts should be uniform style--no knit or stretch fabric. Flares, cargos, denim, or corduroy material are not acceptable. No torn or cut-off pants are acceptable.
<b>Skirts and Skorts</b> (No jumpers for 5-9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Classic Navy White’ Custom Plaid</li> <li>• Khaki twill or cotton twill</li> </ul>	Skirts, skorts, and shorts are to be no shorter than fingertips-at-thigh length. Plaid Skirt only available at <a href="#">GlobalSchoolWear</a> on their Arches uniform page.
<b>Sweaters, jackets, blazers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy Cardigan or Crew</li> <li>• Navy V-Neck or V-Neck Vest</li> <li>• Fleece pullover, jacket, or blazer— school logo required</li> </ul>	Students should have a sweater or jacket for cold days. School logo on sweaters optional. No coats or non-Arches jackets in class.

<b>Shoes, Socks, Tights</b> (Boots: Nov-March only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoes in <i>solid</i> black, brown or navy. Laces and soles must be in same color.</li> <li><i>Solid</i> white or navy socks or tights.</li> </ul>	Shoes must be closed toe and heel. No designs, glitter, jewels, or more than one color. Light-up, platform, high heeled, or roller-skate shoes are not permitted. Socks/tights: No patterns, prints, or logos.
<b>Belts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leather or fabric in solid black or brown.</li> </ul>	A belt must be worn with pants at all times. No wide extravagant belts permitted. Brown or black only.
<b>Ties:</b> Navy or plaid, optional for daily wear, 1 plaid tie required for Dress Day	<i>Plaid</i> ties are only available for purchase at Arches.

**Gym Clothes-Required:** 5th-9th Students should bring the following for PE classes: gym shorts (finger tip length), t-shirt, gym shoes and socks.

**Accessories and Grooming:** Refer to the Handbook's Grooming section of the Uniform Policy.