



# School Attire

Uniform guide for the OCA student



## Why We Wear What We Wear

OCA strives to display excellence in all aspects of our school, including the area of attire. Uniforms inspire a positive sense of community, while freeing staff and students to focus on their purpose for being at OCA. Additionally, uniforms can serve as a reminder that it is more important to be set apart to fulfill God's plans for our lives than to "be like everyone else". Thus, uniforms discourage unhealthy competition. They allow students to express their individual identity through inward avenues, such as personality and character, instead of outward appearances. Uniforms can be more economical for parents, as they eliminate pressure to purchase fad clothing. Finally, uniforms serve as symbols of a student's acceptance of authority of their parents, school, and ultimately God.

# UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Parents and students are responsible for reading and adhering to the Uniform Guidelines. It is imperative that all parents and students read the guidelines carefully to ensure full understanding of the uniform guidelines. Parents are required to read the guidelines and agree in writing to uphold them while their children are enrolled in OCA.

The school administration will determine if there is a violation of the uniform code, either in fact or attitude. Students not complying with this uniform code will be required to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible. Cheerful, consistent compliance is expected; grumbling and challenging attitudes will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **Dress Policy Violation**

1. Teachers will address the student concerning the issue to let them know that they will be sending a uniform violation slip to the principal.
2. The uniform violation will be documented in the student's file in FACTS (RenWeb). Parents will be notified by email with details of violations.
3. A parent may be contacted and required to bring a proper uniform item to the school.
4. Uniform violations are cumulative in nature. After two uniform violation referrals, students may remain in the office until the violation can be remedied.
5. If violations continue, a school administrator may meet or conference with both the parents and the student to determine further action to be taken.
6. Repeated infractions may result in the loss of Spirit Friday wear and/or Uniform Free wear privileges, after-school or early-morning detentions and/or in-school suspension.

## **General Reminders**

1. Students should be clean, neat, and modest in all clothing.
2. All clothing must be kept in good condition and remain free of holes.
3. An OCA polo or oxford must be worn under all school zippered jackets, zippered sweatshirts, cardigans, and under the school vests and/or jumpers.
4. Other than female's ears, body piercings are prohibited for all students.
5. Students may not wear caps or hats during school hours, unless specified by administration for special occasions.
6. Colored hair dyes or hair styles which distract from the learning environment (unnatural colors such as pink, green, purple, blue, etc.), are prohibited.
7. Boys should ensure hair length does not impede vision or cause distraction to the learning environment. Hair accessories are prohibited for all male students.
8. Tattoos (permanent or temporary) are prohibited.

# Spirit Fridays

All students may wear blue jeans (\*see jeans requirements below) and an OCA spirit shirt on Fridays. Spirit shirts must be purchased through the Spirit Store, or must be approved by administration before wearing to school. All OCA hoodies are acceptable on Spirit Fridays as well. Students who do not wish to wear blue jeans may wear uniform bottoms with an OCA spirit shirt or regular uniform clothing.

- Students may wear blue jeans, capris, shorts, dresses or skirts (**must be modest length, longer than mid thigh**). No leggings or jeggings on Fridays.
- The fit--no tight, stretch, or form-fitted jeans allowed. Ultimately, the appropriateness of all garments is at the discretion of OCA Administration.
- Outerwear is the same requirement Monday-Friday, unless otherwise specified by administration.

## Picture Days and Spirit Week Days

From time-to-time there may be special days designated by administration when students have the opportunity to dress in items other than the typical uniform or OCA spirit wear. If students choose not to participate in these special days, they **MUST DRESS IN SCHOOL UNIFORM**. All clothing must meet the following requirements:

1. All clothing/shoes must be free of negative personalities and negative slogans. These restrictions help ensure the best learning environment for all students. Our goal is to keep the focus on learning.
2. Clothing must be modest (no crop tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, low cuts, see-through clothing, etc.)
3. Girls dresses, skirts and shorts, and boys shorts **must be modest length, longer than mid thigh**.
4. No leggings are to be worn as pants. Leggings may be worn UNDER appropriate length skirts or dresses, **must be modest length, longer than mid thigh**.
5. Athletic wear, e.g. sweatpants, fleece pants, compression/spandex, knit pants, are prohibited, unless otherwise specified by administration.
6. Outerwear is the same requirement unless otherwise specified by administration.
7. OCA administration determines that a student is wearing tight-fitting, short, or inappropriate clothing. They will be required to change. Parents will be called to bring appropriate change of clothing.

# “Other” Wear

## Outerwear

- Coats: Students may wear coats of any color to and from school and during outdoor activities.
- Jackets: In the **classroom and school buildings**, only solid navy or gray jackets may be worn. Any labels, other than the OCA logo, must be smaller than 2 inches, unless approved by administration. Navy jackets with minimal white piping are allowed.
- Quarter or Half-zip pullover: **Logo mandatory for new or previously purchased** from Lands’ End , OCA Spirit Store, OCA On-line Store or approved athletic team wear. *Quarter or Half-zip pullovers with hoods are only allowed on Friday.*
- OCA embroidered uniform hoodies may be worn Monday-Thursday **with a uniform polo**. These may also be worn on Fridays with jeans.
- Cardigan Sweaters: In the **classroom and school buildings**, only solid navy, white, and gray cardigan sweaters may be worn over uniform.
- Only OCA spirit wear hoodies/sweatshirts are allowed, and only on Spirit Fridays/designated days.

## Footwear

- Students in grades Prek-6 must wear shoes or sandals with a back or strap. Shoes may be any color.
- Students must wear tennis shoes on PE days.
- Boots may be worn under the uniform pants (**no pants tucked into boots**).

## PE Wear

- **Elementary Students**: Students in grades 1-6 are not required to wear a PE uniform. However, they must wear appropriate clothing & shoes for PE activities on PE days. Students need to wear tennis shoes. These shoes will provide the best support for their feet and will not come off when participating. Inappropriate attire will result in a grade reduction for PE.
- **Jr/Sr High Students**: Students in grades 7-9 are required to change into PE uniforms for PE class. Students are to change back into uniform bottoms after class. This will include any OCA Spirit Shirt (previously purchased or new is acceptable) and appropriate (not tight fitting) PE shorts which may be purchased anywhere. Solid navy, black or gray and must be mid thigh or longer. Tennis shoes must be worn as part of PE attire. Inappropriate attire will result in a grade reduction for PE.

## OCA Athletic Store

- Approved solid Navy, Gray, or White polo with athletic logo may be worn Monday-Friday.
- Approved solid Navy, Gray, or White quarter-zip pullover (**without hood**) with athletic logo may be worn Monday-Friday.

This booklet is intended to inform parents regarding allowable uniform options. OCA uses two main vendors, French Toast and Lands' End. While these vendors have a main website (listed below), parents are not required to order strictly from these websites. Also, area stores may offer approved French Toast and Lands' End uniform items. However, parents are encouraged to visit the OCA Storefront on each of these sites in order to see the approved items. Lands' End offers personalized sizing for a nominal fee, if needed. In addition, both vendors allow returns either with free shipping or to the specified store. Additional information about each of our approved vendors is below.

The annual uniform resale during the summer is a way to purchase gently worn uniforms for tremendous savings to parents.

***Lands' End***  
***landsend.com***  
***Preferred School Number: 900096843***

Lands' End uniform pieces can be found through the following venues:

Landsend.com, and the OCA Summer Resale.

Lands' End offers sales periodically throughout the year. Be sure to sign up for their emails to remain updated on their excellent sales.

## EMBROIDERY

Logos are meant to express the unified nature of the school and its families. An additional benefit is that logos can identify students as members of an institution par excellence.

### **What must be embroidered?**

All polos/blouses/oxfords (*new or previously purchased*), Mesh Polo Dresses (*new or previously purchased*), Ruffle Hem Dresses, and quarter or half-zip fleece must be embroidered. Parents may choose to have any other approved uniform piece embroidered.

### **Available OCA options for embroidery include:**

- Dropoff at OCA high school office, \$7 plus tax per logo, same as Lands' End
- Lands' End is prepared to embroider approved uniform pieces through landsend.com

# OCA Girls

The following uniform options can be purchased from  
Lands' End or **Any Store**:

Clothing Options	Lands' End	Any Store	Additional Information
Polos <u>Logo mandatory</u>	Polo Color Options available: Lands' End or Favorite Store: Navy, White, Gray, Light Blue		
	X	X	Unisex Interlock short sleeve
	X	X	Unisex interlock long sleeve
	X	X	Feminine fit Interlock short sleeve
	X	X	Feminine fit Interlock long sleeve
	X	X	Unisex Mesh short sleeve
	X	X	Unisex Mesh long sleeve
Blouses/Tops <u>Logo mandatory</u> <u>new or previously purchased</u>	X	X	Short-sleeve oxford - White or Blue
	X	X	Long-sleeve oxford - White or Blue
		X	Short-sleeve oxford with darts - White
		X	Long-sleeve oxford with darts - White
		X	Short sleeve Peter Pan collar - White
		X	Long-sleeve Peter Pan collar - White
Dresses <u>Logo mandatory</u> <b>Must be modest length, longer than mid thigh</b>	X	X	Mesh Polo Dress, short-sleeve or long-sleeve - Classic Navy
	X	X	Ruffle Hem Dress - Classic Navy
Jumpers <b>Must be modest length, longer than mid thigh</b>	X		Girls Plaid Jumper - Classic Navy Plaid Ponte Pleat Jumper - Classic Navy or Khaki Solid Jumper - Classic Navy or Khaki
Quarter-Zip Outerwear <u>Logo mandatory</u> <u>new or previously purchased</u>	X		Lightweight Fleece, quarter-zip - Classic Navy

Clothing Options	Lands' End	Any Store	Additional Information
Pullover Sweater and Vests <u>Logo mandatory new or previously purchased</u>	X	X	Classic Navy
Blazer <u>Logo optional</u>	X		Hopsack Blazer -- Deep Navy
Skirts  <b>Must be modest length, longer than midhigh</b>	X	X	Pleated Skirt -- Classic Navy Plaid
	X	X	Solid Pleated Skirt -- Classic Navy or Khaki
	X	X	Plaid A-Line Skirt--Classic Navy Plaid
	X	X	Solid A-Line Skirt--Classic Navy or Khaki
	X	X	Solid Box Pleat Skirt -- Classic Navy or Khaki
Optional Accessory	X		<u>Dress Tie</u> --Classic Navy Plaid, Classic Navy/Gold Stripe, Solid Classic Navy <u>Headband</u> --Classic Navy Plaid or Classic Navy <u>Belt</u> --Classic Navy Plaid

The following dress code options for girls may be purchased at **any store of your choice**. Many of the items are also available through Lands' End.

Clothing Options	Style	Color	Other
Pants/Capris	Twill or Chino only	Classic Navy, Classic Khaki, or Gray	<b>No</b> rivets, jean-style, or cargo. Low-rise, skinny-style, form-fitting, and cargo-style pants/capris are <b>NOT Permitted</b> .
Shorts  <b>Length: All shorts must be modest length, longer than midhigh</b>	Twill  Chino, or Bermuda Style only	Classic Navy, Classic Khaki, or Gray	<b>No</b> rivets, jean-style, low-rise, skinny-style, form-fitting, or cargo-style shorts are <b>NOT Permitted</b> .

Clothing Options	Style	Color	Other
Skirts <b>Must be modest length, longer than mid thigh</b>	Twill, or Chino	Classic Navy, Classic Khaki, or Gray	<b>No</b> rivets, jean-style, cargo, low-rise, skinny-style, or form-fitting, are <b>NOT Permitted</b>
Sweaters	Cardigan/ zip-front or button	Classic Navy, Gray, or White	
Undershirts	T-shirt Camis Turtleneck	Solid Navy or White	
Leggings/Tights	Solid	Solid Navy, White, Khaki, or Gray	Leggings may be worn <u><b>under appropriate length skirts or dresses.</b></u>
Belts	Solid	Black, Brown, Navy, Gray, White, or Lands' End Classic Navy Plaid	

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# OCA BOYS

The following uniform options may be purchased from  
Lands' End or **Any Store**:

Clothing Options	Lands' End	Any Store	Additional Information
Polos <b><u>Logo mandatory</u></b>	Polo Color Options available from: Lands' End or Favorite Store: Navy, White, Gray, Light Blue		
	X	X	Unisex Interlock short sleeve
	X	X	Unisex Interlock long sleeve
Clothing Options	Lands' End	Any Store	Additional Information
All Shirts <b><u>Logos mandatory new or previously purchased</u></b>	X	X	Unisex Mesh short sleeve
	X	X	Unisex Mesh long sleeve
	X	X	Short-sleeve oxford - White or Blue
	X	X	Long-sleeve oxford - White or Blue
		X	Short-sleeve oxford - White only
		X	Long-sleeve oxford - White only
Quarter-Zip / Half-Zip Outerwear <b><u>Logo mandatory new or previously purchased</u></b>	X	X	Lightweight Fleece, - Classic Navy <b>**Athletic half-zip pullovers may also be purchased through OCA Athletics, <i>those with a hood may only be worn on Friday.</i></b>
Pullover Sweaters or Vests <b><u>Logo mandatory new or previously purchased</u></b>	X	X	Classic Navy
Blazer <b><u>Logo optional</u></b>	X		Hopsack Blazer -- Deep Navy
Optional Accessory	X	X	Dress Tie--Classic Navy Plaid, Classic Navy/Gold Stripe, Solid Classic Navy

The following dress code options for boys may be purchased at **any store of your choice**. Many of the items are also available through Lands' End.

Clothing Options	Style	Color	Other
Pants	Twill or Chino only	Classic Navy, Classic Khaki, or Gray	<b>No</b> rivets, jean-style, Skinny-style, form-fitting, or cargo-style pants are <b>NOT Permitted</b> .
Shorts  <i>Length: All shorts must be modest length, longer than mid thigh</i>	Twill or Chino only	Classic Navy, Classic Khaki, or Gray	<b>No</b> rivets, jean-style, Skinny-style, form-fitting, and cargo-style shorts are <b>NOT Permitted</b> .
Sweaters	Cardigan/ zip-front or button	Classic Navy, or Gray	
Undershirts	T-shirt turtleneck	Solid Navy or White	
Belts	Solid	Black, Brown, Gray, White, or Navy	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gentlemen in grades 6-12 must ensure their shirts are tucked in at all times.</li> <li>Gentlemen in grades 7-12 must wear a belt. Belts must be solid Black, Brown, or Navy.</li> </ul>		