

## Dress Code

Students of Episcopal Collegiate School must follow the School's Dress Code and wear a School uniform in compliance with the School's definitions for standard or dress uniforms.

A student wears the "dress uniform" on all days that are designated by the school as "Dress Uniform Days," such as field trips or special events. On days not so designated, the student will have a choice of wearing the "dress uniform" or wearing the "standard uniform." **The official Episcopal Collegiate School plaid is the Black Watch plaid.**

| Standard Uniform       |  | Standard Uniform       |  |
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| Girls                  |  | Boys                   |  |
| <b>Skirt:</b>          | * Episcopal Black Watch plaid skirt with four box pleats;<br>* Blue skirt with four box pleats;<br>* Khaki skirt with four box pleats<br>(No denim)<br><i>Skirt length is 3 in. above the knee when kneeling.</i>      | <b>Shirt:</b>          | * Dark green, white, or blue short-sleeved or long-sleeved polo shirt with School logo or white, buttoned-down collar, button front, long-sleeved shirt  |
| <b>Pants:</b>          | Khaki slacks with or without pleats<br>(no khaki-colored denim jeans, corduroy, capri, or cargo style pants)   | <b>Pants:</b>          | Khaki, with or without pleats<br>(No cargo style)  |
| <b>Shirt:</b>          | * White, dark green, or blue short or long-sleeved polo shirt with embroidered School logo or white, Oxford cloth, button front, long-sleeved shirt  | <b>Socks:</b>          | Visible solid navy, brown, black, khaki, or white  |
| <b>Socks:</b>          | Visible solid white socks OR natural hose, OR dark navy OR black tights  | <b>Belt:</b>           | Solid brown, cordovan, or black leather belt   |
| <b>Shoes:</b>          | Primarily white, laced athletic shoes with white shoe laces with no neon colors OR solid dark brown leather Topsiders (i.e. Sperry, Florsheim, or Bass)  | <b>Shoes:</b>          | Primarily white, laced athletic shoes with white shoe laces with no neon colors OR solid dark brown leather Topsiders (i.e. Sperry, Florsheim, or Bass)  |
| <b>Optional Items:</b> | ** Episcopal Collegiate logo gray or hunter green sweatshirt with or without hood. No athletic logo.<br>**Episcopal letter jacket<br>*Navy Episcopal Collegiate polar fleece pullover<br>*Hunter green zippered fleece | <b>Optional Items:</b> | ** Episcopal Collegiate logo gray or hunter green sweatshirt with or without hood. No athletic logo.<br>**Episcopal letter jacket<br>*Navy Episcopal Collegiate polar fleece pullover<br>*Hunter green zippered fleece |

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| <b>Skirt:</b>        | * Episcopal Black Watch plaid skirt with four box pleats. <i>Skirt length is 3 in. from the floor when kneeling.</i>                                    | <b>Pants:</b>        | Khaki with or without pleats (No cargo style)   |
| <b>Shirt:</b>        | White, Oxford cloth, buttoned-down collar, button front, long-sleeved blouse or pointed collar, V-necked, sleeved blouse                                | <b>Shirt:</b>        | White, Oxford cloth, buttoned-down collar, button front, long-sleeved   |
| <b>Sweater:</b>      | US: *Navy, crew neck, button front cardigan, with embroidered School logo<br>MS: *Navy sweater vest with School logo                                    | <b>Tie:</b>          | * Navy and hunter green striped School tie  |
| <b>Socks:</b>        | Visible solid white socks (when wearing flats) OR natural hose (when wearing low heels). Dark navy OR black tights may be worn, except on picture days. | <b>Socks:</b>        | Solid navy, brown, black, or khaki dress socks  |
| <b>Shoes:</b>        | Solid brown, navy or black leather dress shoes with flat or <u>low</u> heels (1½ in. or less); no Topsiders or athletic shoes                           | <b>Belt:</b>         | Solid brown, cordovan, or black leather belt  |
| <b>Seniors only:</b> | ***Navy blazer with School crest  | <b>Shoes:</b>        | Solid brown leather loafer* OR black, dark brown, or cordovan leather tie dress shoes; no Topsiders or athletic shoes |
|                      |   | <b>Seniors only:</b> | ***Navy blazer with School crest  |

Uniforms and related wear may be purchased through the following venues:

\*The Toggery (Tall-sized polo shirts are now available at The Toggery.)

\*\* Wildcat Warehouse (the School store)

\*\*\* Mr. Wicks

All items not marked with asterisks may be purchased elsewhere.

### General Guidelines for Student Appearance

Episcopal Collegiate School teaches its students the importance of maintaining an appropriate appearance and decorum for certain activities. The School reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any dress or student appearance at school or at all school events on campus or not.

#### Jewelry

- No visible body piercings will be allowed, except for pierced ears for girls.
- Students may wear jewelry in moderation.
- Only girls may wear earrings to School or while representing the School at a School-sponsored event. Only one pair of moderate-length earrings may be worn in the ears.

### **Shirt Tails and Waistbands**

- Shirts and blouses must be worn tucked in at all times. (Please purchase shirts long enough for your student to keep them tucked in. The Toggery has tall-length polo shirts.)
- The top of the waistband on pants and skirts must be no lower than the top of the hipbone.

### **Skirts**

- Skirts must measure three inches or less from the floor when kneeling.
- Girls must wear shorts underneath the skirt, such as boxer shorts or gym shorts. These shorts cannot hang below the skirt hem.
- Skirts may not be rolled up at the waist or pinned up above the required length.
- The top of the waistband on skirts must be no lower than the top of the hipbone.

### **Shorts**

- Shorts are expressly forbidden as part of the uniform (excepting the gym shorts girls must wear under their skirts).
- Shorts may be worn when appropriate as clothing required for athletic classes, practice, and games.

### **Outerwear**

- No type of outerwear except that which is a part of the School uniform may be worn in the School buildings between 8:05am and 3:30pm. The only approved outerwear garments are the polar fleece pullover or zippered jacket with Episcopal logo, the Episcopal sweatshirt (hooded or unhooded in gray or hunter green purchased in the Wildcat Warehouse) or the Episcopal Collegiate approved letter jacket.

### **Wildcat Wear**

- \*\*Spirit/Wildcat Wear cannot be worn except on designated days.
- Wildcat wear must be consistent with the School's color code: gray, dark green, or navy
- School athletic uniforms with the Wildcat insignia and approved special event shirts.

### **Undergarments**

- Only solid white short-sleeved undershirts may be worn beneath the uniform shirts.
- Undergarments, including undershirts, should not be visible.

### **Hair and Make-up**

- Boys must wear their hair above the collar, above the ears and eyes, and be generally neat. Boys must be clean shaven with sideburns no longer than the earlobe.
- Only natural hair colors are acceptable. Students may not dye their hair unnatural colors, such as pink or blue.
- Extreme haircuts such as Mohawks are not permitted.
- Girls may wear make-up as long as it is not excessive.
- No visible tattoos.

### **Headwear**

- Students may not wear head coverings such as hats, caps, large hair bows, wide headbands, scarves, or bandanas. Appropriate hair bows or headbands are Black Watch plaid, navy, or hunter green.
- Headcoverings worn for religious purposes must be approved by the Division Head.

### **Shoes**

- Shoes must be worn at all times. Shoes must be in good condition and without graffiti. Shoe style and color must follow uniform guidelines.

### **Socks**

- Socks (or hose or tights for girls) must be worn at all times. Girls may not wear leggings.

### **Logos**

- Students may not wear clothing or carry items on campus or at any school event (on campus or not) that endorse or advertise alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. No other school logos are permissible except on senior college t-shirt day.

### **Special Dress Days**

Students will be notified of special occasions designated as “Special Dress” on which the student has the option not to wear the School uniform. Typically, spirit weeks are occasions for special dress days.

Other special occasions will give students the opportunity to wear special clothes that are related to specific themes. The specific options will be given to students on those occasions. These days are not casual-dress days, and students who do not choose to wear the thematic clothing must wear the School uniform. The administration reserves the right to determine any item inappropriate for school.

**At no time** may students wear the following items:

- Open-toed shoes or sandals, boots, house slippers, Crocs, Wallabees or Birkenstocks
- Bike pants, spandex clothing items
- Shorts
- T-shirts with offensive language, boxers, tank tops, or sleeveless shirts.
- Any backless dress, top, or cutoff shirts that expose any part of the midriff or back
- Mesh type or see-through shirts
- Clothing that has revealing necklines and sleeve openings (tank tops, spaghetti straps, etc.)
- Leggings

### **Attire for Socials and Dances**

Student dress must be appropriate for the occasion. Students with inappropriate attire may be sent home. Students may **not** wear clothing that is backless, with cut-outs, with bare midriffs or plunging necklines. The administration reserves the right to determine any item inappropriate.

### **Uniform Violations**

All students are expected to comply with this uniform policy. Failure to adhere to the policy will result in disciplinary action. Students who are not in compliance will be asked to call home or will be sent home for the appropriate clothing. Students who fail to wear the “dress uniform” on days that are so designated may be excluded from participating in that day’s activities.