

## General Uniform Policy

Prism has a firm belief that school uniforms empower teachers to build a strong culture, reduce distractions in the classroom, minimize differences between students, enable teachers to create a sense of belonging and identity among the children and teachers, and prepare students for a professional environment. For these reasons, a strict uniform policy is enforced. Each age group has slight differences in uniform requirements due to their different activities and expectations. As students advance by grade, an increased awareness of personal professionalism is nurtured. The uniform applies to students in grades Kindergarten and above and does not apply to preschool students. However, preschool students are welcome and encouraged to purchase the “Prism Blues” t-shirts.

The required components for each respective age group can be found in the table below. Detailed uniform descriptions can be located after the table.

	Boys	Girls
Kindergarten-5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Polos or Prism Blues</li> <li>• Approved pants or shorts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved polos or Prism Blues</li> <li>• Approved pants, shorts, or skirts</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved polos</li> <li>• Prism Oxford Dress Shirt</li> <li>• Uniform Tie</li> <li>• Athletic Clothes (if they change during the day)</li> <li>• Approved pants and/or shorts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved polos</li> <li>• Prism Oxford Dress Shirt</li> <li>• Athletic Clothes (if they change during the day)</li> <li>• Approved pants, skirts, and/or shorts</li> </ul>
10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved polos</li> <li>• Blue Blazers (in October)</li> <li>• Prism Oxford Dress Shirt</li> <li>• Uniform Tie</li> <li>• Athletic Clothes (if they change during the day)</li> <li>• Approved pants and/or shorts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved polos</li> <li>• Blue Blazers (in October)</li> <li>• Prism Oxford Dress Shirt</li> <li>• Athletic Clothes (if they change during the day)</li> <li>• Approved pants, skirts, and/or shorts</li> </ul>

## Uniform Tops

The policy for uniform tops differs by age:

### K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- Students must wear either a Prism Polo or Approved Prism Blue T-Shirt
- All polos must be navy, blue, or red
- All polos must now have current prism logo (multi-colored logos are no longer allowed)
- All polos and Prism Blues will be purchased from Prism Uniform store
- Under shirts must be navy, black, white, or gray and without any visible logo

### 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- Students must wear either a Prism Polo on Monday through Wednesday

- Students must wear Professional Dress Uniform on Thursdays and any other formal events (i.e. banquets, presentation days, etc). Professional Dress Requirements are outlined below.
- Students may wear polo shirts, dress shirts, or approved Prism Blue T-Shirt on Fridays
- All polos must be navy, blue, or red
- All polos must now have current prism logo (multi-colored logos are no longer allowed)
- All polos and Prism Blues will be purchased from Prism Uniform store
- Under shirts must be navy, black, white, or gray and without any visible logo
- Uniform Tops
- Three types of Polos are sold in Prism's Online Uniform Store and this is now the sole place Prism polos can be purchased. All come with required logo.
  - Mens/Boys Polos
  - Womens/Girls cut polos
  - Mesh/Athletic polos (as available, but please not availability has been limited by many suppliers)

## **Uniform Bottoms**

### **Boys**

- Boys are permitted to wear slacks or Bermuda shorts. Approved uniform pants are sold online at Prism's Uniform Shop and may also be purchased at local stores.
  - However, all pants must be limited to one of three approved cuts:
    - Slim cut (pictured in our online guidebook)
    - Flat front, Straight leg (pictured in our online guidebook)
    - Uniform skinny cut (pictured in our online guidebook)
  - Joggers, or pants with elastic at the bottom—are not allowed regardless of color.
  - Non-uniform cut skinny pants and sweat pants are not allowed
- Khaki, navy, and black Bermuda shorts are also permitted. They must sit no shorter than 3 fingertips above the knee

### **Girls**

- Girls are permitted to wear uniform pants, Bermuda shorts, or skirts. Approved uniform pants are sold online at Prism's Uniform Shop and may also be purchased at local stores.
  - However, all pants must be limited to one of three approved cuts:
    - Slim cut (pictured on the next page)
    - Flat front, Straight leg (pictured on the next page)
    - Uniform pencil cut (pictured on the next page)
  - Non-uniform cut skinny pants, linen pants, joggers (pants with elastic at the ankle) sports shorts, and sweat pants are not allowed as part of the general uniform
- Khaki, navy, and black Bermuda shorts are also permitted. All skirts, dresses, and shorts must sit no shorter than 3 fingertips above the knee

- Girls may also wear skirts or uniform jumpers (typically only sold for younger girls).
  - However, all skirts must be limited to one of three approved cuts:
    - Flat front chino style (pictured in our online guidebook)
    - A-Line (pictured in our online guidebook)
    - Uniform Pleated (pictured in our online guidebook)
  - Unique pleats, stitching, patterns, and cuts are not permitted.
  - All skirts, dresses, and shorts must sit no shorter than 3 fingertips above the knee

## **Boys Professional Dress Uniform**

On Thursdays students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to wear professional dress. The components for professional dress are described below.

### **6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

- Professional Oxford Dress Shirts sold on Prism's Uniform Shop
- Royal Blue and White Ties
- Uniform Pants (Khaki, Navy, or Black permitted)

### **10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

- Professional Oxford Dress Shirts sold on Prism's Uniform Shop
- Letter Blazers (i.e. Blue Blazers issued to 10<sup>th</sup> Graders in October)
- Royal Blue and White Ties
- Uniform Pants (Khaki, Navy, or Black permitted)
- Girls Professional Dress Uniform

### **6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

- Professional Oxford Dress Shirts sold on Prism's Uniform Shop
- Uniform Pants or Approved Skirts (Khaki, Navy, or Black permitted)

### **10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

- Professional Oxford Dress Shirts sold on Prism's Uniform Shop
- Uniform Pants or Approved Skirts (Khaki, Navy, or Black permitted)
- Letter Blazers (i.e. Blue Blazers issued to 10<sup>th</sup> Graders in October)
- Coats, Hoodies, Jackets, Fleece

**All clothing should fit loose enough that students should be able to move comfortably and without restriction in our very physically active environment.**

## **Supplemental Items**

- **Coats**
  - Students are welcome to purchase the coat of their choice and wear it outside. However, coats may only be worn outside. Anything the student

wishes to wear inside must comply with Prism's uniform policies outlined below.

- **Hoodies, Jackets, Fleece, Pullovers, Cardigans, Sweatshirts**
  - Only items purchased at Prism's Online Uniform store are approved for wear indoors. All others will be sent home. This has historically been the area of greatest confusion. Therefore, to prevent future confusion, only those items purchased at Prism's store are permitted.
  - Some options are currently available for the upcoming school year.
  - A student uniform committee will be formed in August. They will be charged with designing additional items that the students like. These will be sold throughout the year on our online store.
  
- **Athletic Clothing**
  - Students who change for athletics during the school day are required to wear the student athletic clothes. Generally speaking, however, K-5 students are not permitted to change during the school day for PE or Athletics class. Therefore this is not suggested for students in this age range unless they are in the running clubs.
  
- **Jewelry**
  - Girls may wear one pair of stud earrings.
  - No other visible jewelry is permitted.
  - No gauges are permitted.
  
- **Hair Accessories**
  - All hair accessories including sweat bands must be without logos other than Prism logos and must be royal blue, navy blue, or gray in color.
  
- **Tattoos**
  - Students may not have visible tattoos (permanent or temporary, this includes henna)
  
- **Fingernail polish or fake nails are not permitted**
  
- **Backpacks**
  - One style of permitted backpacks will be sold in our online store
  - Families can also purchase solid colored, logo-less backpacks that fit on the child's hook or in a high school locker from the store of their choice
  - Personalized athletic travel bags will be sold in September
  
- **Closed toe sneakers are suggested**
  - **Prism will be participating in the "Daily Mile Program"** that requires students to run or walk one-mile each day. They will not have an opportunity to change shoes, so we suggest no flip-flops, jellies, or open toed shoes.

- **Socks**
  - Only black, white, and gray socks with **no visible logos** are permitted
- **Hair**
  - Hair must be clean and brushed and well groomed
  - No unnatural dye colors (i.e. pink, green, blue—except for on Blue/Gray day during the last week of school—temporary Royal Blue is approved that day only)
- **Hats & Beanies**
  - Hats should not be worn in the building
  - Beanies, ball caps, and headbands for athletics will be available for purchase in the Prism shop by early September.
  - Items purchased from the Prism shop are the only headwear permitted at school or school functions
- **Other Accessories**
  - No other accessories will be permitted

**Students are expected to have a clean and professional presentation at all times.**

Therefore, all uniforms are expected to be:

- Washed without visible residue when they arrive to school
- Without wrinkle (we are amending the fabric of our Prism Blues to a soft, less wrinkly fabric)
- Without holes

### **Ordering Prism Private School Uniforms**

We are launching an online store the first week of July. From this point forward, families can order polos, pants, some skirts, hoodies, sweaters, and spirit wear online. This will allow parents to shop anytime of the year from the convenience of their own home and make online payments for their child's clothing. Families can order approved items as needed from the store and have them delivered weekly at school. Athletic supplies and spirit wear, as well as seasonal offerings, may be sold there throughout the year for parent's convenience.

Some items may only be purchased through Prism's online store. Some may be purchased from other vendors but must meet Prism uniform policy guidelines. A summary of what items must be purchased from the store can be found on the table on the following page.

<b>What am I <u>required</u> to buy at the Prism online store?</b>	<b>What do I have the option of purchasing outside of the uniform store as long as it meets guidelines?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polos</li> <li>• Prism Oxford Dress Shirt</li> <li>• Prism Blues and other T-Shirts</li> <li>• Hoodies, Fleece, Pullovers, Sweaters, and Cardigans</li> <li>• Blue Blazers (10th-12th grade only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coats that are worn outside only</li> <li>• Pants, skirts, shorts, shoes</li> <li>• Solid colored backpacks that fit in assigned lockers or hooks</li> </ul>

Students who arrive to school in non-approved clothing are subject to consequences. Initially, we will pull one from our store inventory and invoice parents. If something from the inventory cannot be found, we will contact parents to pick-up their child and obtain appropriate clothes from home. Students who are chronically without the proper uniform may face additional consequences as well.

We may also elect to teach students how to wash and iron their own clothes in a non-punitive fashion if they chronically come in in dirty or wrinkled clothing.

**The following are prohibited at Prism:**

- Visible piercings other than one pair of stud earrings for females
- Hair dye in unnatural colors (such as pink, orange, blue, purple). The only exception to this rule is blue hair dye on Prism Spirit Day.
- Fingernail polish or fake nails
- Visible logos (other than the Prism logo) of any sort on any article of clothing
- Jewelry, including “gages”
- Visible tattoos (temporary or permanent)
- Additional accessories are not permitted with the Prism uniform
- Any make-up outside the “neutral” color tones
- Eyeliner of any type or color
- Decorative hair accessories. Only simple hair ties and hair bands may be worn
- No graphics, political, or religious messaging may be worn on clothing, jewelry, computers or other accessories, other than the Prism logo
- Shoes with wheels or blinking lights

**Labeling Clothes**

Parents are strongly encouraged to label their children’s clothing.