

Uniform Policy

Below is the uniform policy for Divine Mercy Academy. The Uniform Code applies to all students in grades K - 8th. This code has been developed to promote a Christian atmosphere, to focus on academic concentration, to facilitate productivity, to demonstrate reverence at Mass, as a sign of solidarity, and to de-emphasize competition among students while allowing for individuality. This policy is intended to assert a standard of dress at Divine Mercy Academy that is neat, modest, and economical.

General Guidelines

Students should come to school looking clean, well groomed, and neatly dressed.

For girls, jewelry and makeup should be kept to a minimum.

Unnatural hair coloring, extreme hairstyles, piercings (other than earrings), and tattoos are prohibited for all students.

Each student is required to purchase one (1) DMA-embroidered, Navy Blue Polo. This shirt is to be worn on Fridays for School Mass, on Holy Days for Mass, or whenever directed by the principal for other events. These and all other embroidered items may be purchased through Log Cabin Embroidery (www.logcabinembroidery.com). Additional polos and all other embroidered items are optional. Optional DMA Navy/Red Plaid skirts, jumpers, and accessories may be purchased through Log Cabin Embroidery or through any retailer (Schoolbelles, JCPenney, French Toast, Amazon.com, etc.) which offers a matching pattern.

Standard Uniform

Standard Uniform Code for Girls

- Dress Style Flat of Pleated Navy or Khaki Pants or Shorts* (Shorts may be worn from April 1 - October 31 unless otherwise announced by the administration).
- Navy, Khaki or Plaid skirts, skorts or jumpers.
- Cargo shorts, carpenter pants, skinny pants, and leggings are not permitted.
- Shorts/Skirts/Skorts.Jumpers must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.Plaid jumper, skirt or skort.
- Solid colored shorts, opaque tights, or full length legging (in color of the socks) are to be worn under skirts/jumpers.
- Tights or leggings MUST be worn under skirts when the morning temperature is below 40 degrees
- Red, White Light Blue, or Navy Polo shirts, long or short sleeved - NO pockets, patterns or logos (other than DMA)
- Collared, button front long or short sleeved dress shirts in Red, White, or Navy - NO pockets, patterns, or logos (other than DMA)
- DMA embroidered Navy Polo shirt, available through Log Cabin Embroidery
- Shirts without ribbed bottoms must be tucked in at all times.
- DMA embroidered full-zip fleece jackets in Navy Blue
- DMA zip-up wicking jacket in Navy Blue

- DMA pullover sweatshirts
- Hoodies are NOT permitted to be worn in school.
- Sweaters in Red, White, or Navy - button front or full-zip cardigan style
- Pullover vests in Red, White, or Navy
- Uniform shirts must be worn under all sweatshirts, pullovers and sweaters
- Red, Navy, Black, Tan or White plain socks
- Red, Navy, White, or opaque tights - NO PATTERNS OR DESIGNS
- Socks must be visible and worn at all times.
- Black, White, Gray, Tan, Brown, or Navy Tennis Shoes with NO designs, lights, or bright colors
- Black, Brown, Tan, or Navy Dress Shoes, including "Sperry" style shoes.*
- Shoes must be flat and closed toed.
- Laces must be tied - NO BRIGHTLY COLORED OR PATTERNED LACES
- Younger students (Grades PK-3) may wear Velcro or easy-on/off shoes.
- Boots are not to be worn with the school uniform. When rain/snow boots are worn to school, uniform shoes must be brought for students to change into.
- Backless shoes, flip flops, slippers or fluorescent colored shoes are never permitted.
- Shoes may not be heeled more than one inch.

Standard Uniform Code for Boys

- Dress Style Flat or Pleated Navy or Khaki Pants or Shorts (Shorts may be worn from April 1 - October 31 unless otherwise announced by the administration).
- Cargo shorts, carpenter pants, skinny pants, and leggings are not permitted.
- Shorts are to sit at the waist and not be excessively baggy.
- Red, White Light Blue, or Navy Polo shirts, long or short sleeved - NO pockets, patterns or logos (other than DMA)
- Collared, button front long or short sleeved dress shirts in Red, White, or Navy - NO pockets, patterns, or logos (other than DMA)
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Physical Education Uniform

All students in grades K-8 are to wear their gym uniform to school on the day they have physical education class. This schedule is announced prior to the start of school. Students are not permitted to participate in physical education class without appropriate gym apparel. The gym uniform tops and bottoms (shorts/sweats) must be purchased through Log Cabin Embroidery.

Additional gym dress code rules are:

- Only the specified gym shirts purchased through Log Cabin are permitted. These include short or long sleeved t-shirts in Red or Navy with DMA logo in either cotton or dri-fit. Other school shirts or Spirit Wear are not permitted to be worn for gym.
- Only the specified gym bottoms purchased through Log Cabin are permitted. These include cotton or mesh shorts in Navy with the DMA logo (April 1st-Oct. 31st) or jogger style sweatpants or wicking pants in Navy with DMA logo.
- As with the school uniform policy, gym shorts are only permitted from April 1st - October 31st.
- Necklaces, bracelets, and rings must not be worn in gym class.
- A DMA or Sabers crewneck sweatshirt or a DMA wicking or fleece jacket is required for gym from November 1st - March 31st. Only the specified sweatshirts and jackets purchased through Log Cabin are permitted. NO HOODIES are permitted to be worn.
- Tennis shoes must be worn on gym days.

School Liturgy Attire

A DMA embroidered Navy Blue Polo, purchased through Log Cabin Embroidery, is the REQUIRED uniform top for ALL students in grades K-8 for Friday morning school Masses as well as any other special liturgies or events (or other school activities directed by the principal). Required "church shirts" may be worn with dress pants, dress shorts (following time guidelines, or, for girls, uniform skirts or skorts. Jumpers are not to be worn.

Non-DMA jackets must be removed after entering church. No sweatshirts or hoodies are to be worn during Mass.

Dress Down Day Attire

Throughout the year, we will offer children free and fundraising Dress Down Days. Whatever students choose to wear must reflect our Catholic School values. Please make sure the following rules are followed:

- Attire must be clean, neat and modest.
- Nothing tight, cropped, low-cut, ripped, torn, oversized, or ragged may be worn.

- Only long shorts (no more than 3 inches above the knee) are permitted.
- Jeans, sweatpants and T-shirts are permitted.
- All shirts must have sleeves that cover the entire shoulder. Spaghetti straps are NOT permitted.
- T-shirts with inappropriate words, graphics, and/or logos are not permitted.
- If your child is wearing form-fitting jeans, stretch pants, leggings or yoga-style pants, a long top which comes down below the hips must be worn to cover the front and backside of the pants.
- Socks must be worn with shoes.
- No flip-flops, Crocs, or heeled shoes/boots are to be worn.
- Occasional themed Dress Down Days will be scheduled throughout the school year. In order for a student to participate, he/she must adhere to the theme. Otherwise, he/she is to wear the regular school uniform.
- Policies for hair, socks, makeup, shoes, etc. are in effect on Dress Down Days except in special circumstances as announced by the administration. Shorts may only be worn on Dress Down Days during the period of April 1-October 31 unless otherwise indicated by the administration.
- In the event a Dress Down Day occurs on the student's designated Physical Education day, students must wear tennis shoes so that they may participate in Physical Education class.

There will be times during the school year when students may be asked to dress up. Examples would be Picture Day, Holiday Programs, etc. Students are to wear modest attire equal in formality to the uniform or better. Shirts, dresses, skirts, pants, etc. in style and color different from the uniform code may be worn, however skirts/dresses must still adhere to the guidelines for length stated above. NO jeans, t-shirts, open toed shoes, flip flops, Crocs, hoodies, etc. are permitted to be worn on Dress Up Days.