



STUDENT DRESS CODE

2023-2024

UNIFORM PROVIDERS

- All uniforms must be purchased from either the school, French Toast, Inka's Fashions in Baton Rouge, or Old Navy (boys shorts and pants only).
- The website for French Toast is www.frenchtoast.com. There, click on "Shop by School" and enter our code: QS63GHA. **Boys pants** can come from here, as well as **jackets** worn in class and **p.e. shirts**. Girls have the option to order black or gray skirts from this website as well.
- Inka's Fashions in Baton Rouge is the exclusive supplier of our uniform polo shirts. They also have a uniform plaid skirt, skort, or jumper that girls may wear. They offer shorts and pants for boys as well as p.e. uniforms and jackets/sweaters.
- Old Navy has uniform pants and shorts that boys may wear.

SHOES

- Tennis shoes, casual shoes, boots, sandals (girls), and dress shoes are allowed.
- All shoes must have a back.

JACKETS/COATS

- Students may wear any type of jacket or coat to school, however, outerwear worn in class must be purchased from French Toast, Inka's, or the school and must have the school logo.

GIRLS

- Girls should wear their uniform black, grey, or plaid skirt and a banded school polo shirt (black or red). Black shirts should not be worn with a black skirt.
- Skirts must be purchased from the uniform providers listed above.
- All polos worn should have no more than the first button unbuttoned.
- On cold days, long sleeved white, black, red or grey t-shirts may be worn under uniform polo shirts.
- K4 - 6th grade girls may wear a uniform plaid jumper instead if desired along with a Peter Pan style white shirt.
- All girls' skirts and jumpers must come to at least the top of the knee cap, even when sitting.
- On cold days, girls may wear stockings or leggings. Leggings should be plain white, black, red, or grey. No pants or slacks may be worn under uniform skirts.

BOYS

- Boys should wear black or grey loose-fitting uniform bottoms, a belt, and a school polo shirt. All students are required to wear a polo shirt each day with the school logo on it. The available shirts are red and black in color. Black shirts should not be worn with black pants.
- K4 - 6th grade boys may wear black or grey uniform shorts that come to the top of the knee or uniform pants. 7th-12th grade boys should wear uniform pants.
- All pants and shorts must be uniform style and be bought from either French Toast Old Navy, or Inka's. Pants and shorts should be worn at the waistline.
- Undershirts worn should be white, black, red or grey in color.

- Preschool & Kindergarten boys are not required to wear belts.
- On cold days, long sleeved white, black, red, or grey t-shirts may be worn under uniform polo shirts.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

- At various times throughout the year, “dress-down days” are offered to the students, where they can pay a small fee to wear “dress-down” as a fundraiser, or wear comfortable clothes for a field trip, etc. Shorts worn these days should come to the knee. Jeans worn these days should be loose-fitting and have no unpatched holes above the knee. Any other athletic pants worn these days should be be loose-fitting (no spandex or leggings).

COMPLIANCE

- Students not in proper uniform attire will receive a dress code violation. A notice will be sent home requesting the parent correct the issue. Upon receiving a 3rd uniform violation, the student will not be allowed to return to class until the issue has been resolved. (Students incurring an egregious violation may be advanced directly to this step).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORMS (REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS IN 5TH - 8TH GRADES)

- The p.e. uniform consists of plain black shorts (must be to the top of the knee and loose fitting) and a uniform p.e. t-shirt.
- Girls may choose to purchase loose-fitting black capris to wear instead of shorts.
- During cooler months, students may choose to wear loose-fitting black sweatpants or nylon athletic pants (loose-fitting). Please note, that no spandex, leggings, or tight-fitting pants or capris will be allowed.
- The shorts, capris, and sweatpants may be purchased anywhere, provided they comply with the above guidelines.
- All clothing should not permit exposure of the waist line or stomach.
- Failing to dress in the proper attire for p.e. will result in a “0” grade for that day.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

- The purpose of this dress code is train young people to dress for the honor and glory of God in every setting. At Open Door Christian Academy, we believe that girls should look like young ladies and boys should look like young men. We also believe that our outward appearance is a reflection of our heart and mind. Worldly slogans or pictures are not permitted. Students should be appropriately and modestly dressed during all school functions, including athletic events. All clothing should be loose-fitting and should at least extend to the knee.
- All **girls/young ladies** should dress modestly. Appropriate under garments should be worn. No low cut or tight fitting clothing will be allowed. Hair should be clean and neat. (Hair may be colored in moderation with natural colors.) For questions, seek office approval first. Make-up should be applied modestly. Uniforms should be neat and clean. No body piercing or tattoos are allowed.
- All young **men** shall dress according to ODCA policy. Uniforms should be neat and clean. Hair should be worn clean and combed. Young men’s hair should be cut above the eyebrows, and not touching the collar. It should be trimmed neatly on the sides, not touching the ears. No designs are to be cut in the hair, and the color should look natural. Facial hair on students is not allowed. Body piercings and tattoos are not permitted.