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## UNIFORM GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

**\*\* All student uniforms should be of proper fit and hole free for the duration of the school year.**

### Approved Mercy Logos:



### Our Lady of Mercy school uniforms are available at the following school approved vendors:

- Inka's
- Lands' End
- School Time
- Young Fashions

### Boys' Daily Uniform:

**Shirts:** Light blue polo shirts with Mercy logo. Short or long sleeves may be worn. Shirts must be tucked in at all times for boys in Grades 1st – 8th. Shirts must be of proper fit in order to be tucked in at all times.

**Pants/shorts:** Solid navy pants or shorts. No cargo style shorts. No emblems or logos allowed on shorts. Shorts must be of appropriate fit and length (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee). School shorts must be longer than compression shorts and boxers which may not be visible when seated or otherwise. It is recommended that Little Saints, PreK, and Kindergarten students wear pull up twill (uniform style) pants or shorts (no logo permitted). Pants must be worn on Fridays or specifically designated dress uniform days beginning the Friday after Labor Day for students in Kindergarten – 8th Grade. When a short length infraction is given, students will have the remaining weekdays and weekend to comply with the short length policy, or the student may face further disciplinary consequences.

**Belts:** Boys in 1st – 8th Grade must wear a navy, brown, or black belt. Shirts must be tucked into the pants so that the waistline is visible all around the waist and the belt is visible. Emblems or logos are not allowed on belts. Personalized monogram and embroidery is not authorized.

**Undershirts:** A solid white tee shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt. The tee shirt and/or sleeves may not be longer than the uniform shirt and/or sleeves. Printing on the undershirt is not allowed.

**Shoes:** Traditional athletic shoes of white, black, blue, or gray or a combination of these colors may be worn. No other colors may be visible. Shoes must have shoe laces or Velcro. No slip-on shoes are allowed. No mid-tops, high tops, light-up shoes, glittered, character, heeled (wheels), or toe shoes are permitted. Shoes should not cause any distraction to student learning and will be at the discretion of administration. **\*\*Students in Grades 3Y & Pre-K must wear shoes with Velcro or auto elastic fit.**

**Socks:** Solid white, navy-blue or black crew or ankle socks. Socks must be visible at all times. No logos, emblems, or writing except the Mercy logo are permitted.

**Hair/Grooming:** Hair must be of a conservative length and thickness in front, top, and sides. Hair must not touch the collar of the uniform shirt, cover any part of the ear, and must not be longer than the top of the eyebrows. A common guideline for length is not more than 3 inches on the top and not more than 1-2 inches on the sides. Shaven heads, weight lines, shaving, or carving into the natural hairline is not acceptable. **Cosmetic colorings (dyed, bleached, tinted, or highlighted) are not allowed.** No exaggerated hairstyles as determined by school administration. Face must be clean shaven. When a hair infraction is given, students will have the remaining weekdays and weekend to comply with hair policy, or the student may face further disciplinary consequences.



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**Jewelry:** The only acceptable jewelry is a watch and one necklace, religious in nature, may be worn. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings. Bracelets and/or rings are not permitted. Hi-tech phone type watches and fitness bands may not be worn (this includes smartwatches of any brand). Watches may not have the capability of connecting to data or WIFI. Expensive jewelry is to be kept at home.

**Sweatpants:** Sweatpants purchased at approved Our Lady of Mercy vendors only may be worn from November 1st to February 28th, with the exception of Dress Uniform Days and special days as deemed by the school administration. Shirts must be tucked into sweatpants at all times. Sweatpants must be worn to the ankle.

**Outerwear:** Students may wear sweatshirts, fleeces, or sweaters with the approved Mercy logo. The approved logo for fleeces and sweaters is the Blessed Mary with Our Lady of Mercy below. For sweatshirts the approved Mercy logo is the word Mercy in white lettering across the chest. Hooded sweatshirts are not allowed. School fleece must be 3-quarter zip as full zip fleeces are not allowed. Rain jackets purchased from the school spirit shop are allowed to be worn. Only outerwear purchased via school uniform vendors is allowed. Athletic and extracurricular outerwear is not allowed.

**Coats for Cold Days:** A coat is considered a heavy outerwear jacket that is heavily lined or padded. Coats of this sort may only be worn to school on days of extreme cold. Coats worn to and from school and at recess may be of any SOLID color. No blue jean, denim, camouflage, sports, or sparkled jackets of any type are allowed.

**Dress Uniform for Middle School:** Boys in 6th – 8th Grade must wear a light blue button-down oxford with Mercy logo. Shirts may be long or short sleeves. Shirts must be of proper fit in order to be tucked in at all times and the top button must be able to be buttoned throughout the school day. Dress shirts must be worn with a striped navy and light blue necktie or bow tie purchased from an approved uniform vendor. On dress uniform days, boys in 6th-7th Grade must wear navy blue dress pants – no cargo styles. Boys in 8th Grade must wear tan or khaki pants – no cargo styles. The dress uniform includes a solid navy, brown, or black belt. 8th Grade boys only are required to wear fully tan or brown Sperry-style “boat shoes.” 8th Grade boys must wear a navy blazer with Mercy logo that will be supplied by OLOM. No HEYDUDES are allowed.

**PE Uniforms:** Students taking PE as an elective in Grades 6-8 wear the gray “Mercy” PE T-shirt and the navy-blue mesh “Mercy” PE shorts. Both items can be purchased through our uniform vendors. School approved socks and shoes should be worn during PE. Students in Grades 3Y-5 do not wear PE uniforms.

#### Girls’ Daily Uniform:

**Jumpers:** Navy and white checked jumpers with the Mercy logo should be worn by girls in Grades 3Y – 2nd. An oxford blouse or a Peter Pan collar blouse may be worn underneath if desired. Jumpers must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. A shirt is not required with the jumper. Navy blue or uniform plaid shorts must be worn under the jumper and must not exceed the length of the jumper. 3Y & Pre-K girls may also wear the smock dress in the Mercy plaid. Navy blue or uniform plaid shorts must be worn under the dress and must not exceed the length of the jumper. Personalized monograms and embroidery are not authorized.

**Skorts:** Navy and white checked skorts should be worn by girls in 3rd-8th Grade. Skorts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Skorts must not be rolled at the waist. When a skort length infraction is given, students will have the remaining weekdays and weekend to comply with the skort length policy, or the student may face further disciplinary consequences. Skorts may need to be replaced during the year if length does not meet requirements.

**Shirts:** White-banded polo with Mercy logo should be worn with skorts for girls in 3rd-8th Grade.

**Undershirts:** A solid white tee shirt may be worn under the uniform shirt. The tee shirt and/or sleeves may not be longer than the uniform shirt and/or sleeves. Printing on the undershirt is not allowed. Undergarments for girls should not be visible through the uniform blouses.



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**Shoes:** Traditional athletic shoes of white, black, blue, or gray or a combination of these colors may be worn. No other colors may be visible. Shoes must have shoe laces or Velcro. No slip-on shoes are allowed. No mid-tops, high tops, light-up shoes, glittered, character, heeled (wheels) or toe shoes are permitted. Shoes should not cause any distraction to student learning and will be at the discretion of administration. *\*\*Students in Grades 3Y & Pre-K must wear shoes with Velcro or auto elastic fit.*

**Socks:** Solid white, navy-blue, or black crew or ankle socks. Socks must be visible at all times. No logos, emblems, or writing except the Mercy logo are permitted.

**Leggings/Tights:** Solid black, white, or navy tights or leggings may be worn under the skirt or jumper in the winter. If leggings are worn, they should be ankle length. Capri length leggings and leggings with logos are not acceptable. Leggings/tights may not be flare style.

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**Outerwear:** Students may wear sweatshirts, fleeces, or sweaters with the approved Mercy logo. The approved logo for fleeces and sweaters is the Blessed Mary with Our Lady of Mercy below. For sweatshirts the approved Mercy logo is the word Mercy in white lettering across the chest. Hooded sweatshirts are not allowed. School fleece must be 3-quarter zip as full zip fleeces are not allowed. Rain jackets purchased from the school spirit shop are allowed to be worn. Only outerwear purchased via school uniform vendors is allowed. Athletic and extracurricular outerwear is not allowed.

- Girls in Lower School may wear a solid navy button sweater with the jumper. This sweater does not have to include the logo. Buttons on the sweater must be navy.

**Coats for Cold Days:** A coat is considered a heavy outerwear jacket that is heavily lined or padded. Coats of this sort may only be worn to school on days of extreme cold. Coats worn to and from school and at recess may be of any SOLID color. No blue jean, denim, camouflage, sports, or sparkled jackets of any type are allowed.

**Accessories:** Headbands, ribbons, and bows may be blue, black, white, or a combination of these colors. Other hair accessories should be used sparingly and be the same color as previously listed. Students will be required to remove hair accessories considered a distraction by school administration.

**Hair/Make-Up:** Make-up is not allowed, including bronzer, tinted moisturizers, and artificial eye lashes. Artificial fingernails, tips or colored nail polish is not acceptable. Only clear polish is permitted. Hair must be worn away from the eyes and must be neat and tidy at all times. **Cosmetic colorings (dyed, bleached, tinted, or highlighted) are not allowed.** No exaggerated hairstyles as determined by the school administration. When a hair infraction is given, students will have the remaining weekdays and weekend to comply with the hair policy, or the student may face further disciplinary consequences.

**Jewelry:** The only acceptable jewelry is one pair of small post earrings, one necklace of religious nature, and a watch. Bracelets and/or rings are not permitted. Hi-tech phone type watches and fitness bands may not be worn (this includes smartwatches of any brand). Watches may not have the capability of connecting to data or WIFI. Expensive jewelry is to be kept at home.

**Dress Uniform for Middle School:** Girls in 6th – 8th Grade must wear a white button-down oxford with Mercy logo. Shirts may be long or short sleeved. All girls must wear a navy white checked skirt. Girls in 8th Grade must wear the Navy blazer with Mercy logo supplied by OLOM. 8th Grade girls must wear **fully** tan or brown Sperry-style “boat shoes” on dress uniform days.

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