

Veritas School Uniform Policy

Veritas School is a workplace for students as well as for teachers. Students should dress in such a way as to demonstrate respect for the school. The uniform is described in Veritas' Dennis Uniform Company printout. The printouts are available at the school office or at the Dennis Uniform Company Store or at their web site (www.dennisuniform.com — K-6 School Code 65800; 7-12 School Code 65807). Please note the following additions/clarifications to the printout:

K-6 Girls:

1. **Shoes:** Solid black, solid dark brown or solid dark navy scuff-free shoes only (they may be athletic shoes, oxfords or loafers). Heels and laces must match the shoe color. Heels may be no higher than 1½ inches.
2. **Ties:** The navy blue crossover tie may be worn with all shirts except the polo style shirt.
3. **Accessories:** Matching (navy, white or cardinal) tights or socks must be worn. If a belt is worn, it must be solid navy blue leather or canvas (belts are available at the *Dennis* store but may be purchased elsewhere). Matching hair accessories available at the Dennis store may also be worn.

K-6 Boys:

1. **Shoes:** Solid black or solid dark brown scuff-free shoes only (they may be athletic shoes, oxfords or loafers). Heels and laces must match the shoe color. Heels may be no higher than 1½ inches.
2. **Socks:** Solid-colored navy, gray, white or khaki socks must be worn at all times.
3. **Belts:** A solid brown or black leather belt must be worn at all times with non-elastic shorts or trousers.

Secondary Girls:

1. **Shoes:** Solid black, solid dark brown or solid dark navy oxford or loafer shoes only (see definitions below). Heels and laces must match the shoe color. Heels may be no higher than 1½ inches.
2. **Accessories:** Matching (navy, white or cardinal) tights, nylons, or socks must be worn at all times. Matching hair accessories may also be worn.
3. **Assembly Wear:** A skirt, white shirt and a sweater-piece (vest or sweater) is also required for assemblies, designated days and special events. The Headmaster will determine whether the sweater-piece will be required all day. A blue blazer may also be worn. (See our uniform catalog for details.) Although girls are not required to wear the

school tie for assemblies, they may be worn at any time but only with the oxford shirt and a skirt. School ties will be available for purchase during the school year in the office.

4. **P.E.:** Shorts must be black or navy; no shorter 4” above the knee. Students are also required to wear the Veritas t-shirt. (available for purchase in the office)

Secondary Boys:

1. **Shoes:** Solid black or solid dark brown oxford or loafer shoes only (see definitions below). Heels and laces must match the shoe color. Heels may be no higher than 1½ inches.
2. **Socks:** Solid-colored navy, white or khaki socks must be worn at all times.
3. **Belts:** A solid brown or black leather belt must be worn at all times.
4. **Assembly Wear:** School ties may be worn at any time but must be worn for secondary assemblies, designated days and special events. Additionally a sweater-piece (vest or sweater) is required. The Headmaster will determine whether the sweater-piece will be required all day. It is also strongly recommended that the blazer also be worn for assemblies with or without the sweater piece. (See our uniform catalog for details.) School ties will be available for purchase during the school year in the office.
5. **P.E.:** Shorts must be black or navy; the length must be no shorter than 4” above the knee. Students are also required to wear the Veritas t-shirt. (available for purchase in the office)

OVERALL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Dress neatly:** Shirts tucked in (except for the secondary girls’ “camp shirt”), shoes tied, no holes/tears in clothes, clothing appropriately sized for the wearer.
2. **Be clean:** That is, recently washed, hair neatly cut and kept; boys clean-shaven. Hair on boys should be above their eyebrows and above shirt collar level.
3. **Be modest:** Outlandish or distracting clothing or appearance will not be allowed (e.g., tattoos, body piercing, unnatural and/or distracting hair dying, etc.).
4. **Undergarments:** If a boy wears an undershirt, it must be a solid white crew neck or v-neck tee shirt. Under some of the shirts, girls may wish to wear a white or skin-toned tee shirt or camisole.
5. **Jewelry:** All jewelry must be modest and matching. Necklaces may only be worn underneath clothing and out-of-sight.
6. **Hats:** Unless granted permission for special days or events, students are not to wear hats while inside the school buildings.
7. **Definitions of “oxford” and “loafer” shoes:** An “oxford” shoe is a leather shoe that laces over the instep, and has a leather or rubber sole with a heel. A “loafer” shoe is a leather slip-on shoe that has a leather or rubber sole with a heel. Both shoes have a closed toe and heel.
8. **Special attire:** Events such as field trips may call for other clothing options, such as shorts, sweatshirts, etc. Also, special days may be scheduled—such as dress-up days—during which other clothing options shall be allowed.

9. **Coats and outerwear:** Coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, etc., may not be worn inside the classroom. However, Veritas School sweaters and vests, purchased at Dennis Uniform Company and with the school logo properly embroidered, may be worn in the classroom.

ENFORCEMENT

To limit possible confusion in enforcing this policy, the Headmaster will be the sole determiner of students violating the uniform policy. Students not complying with the uniform policy will be required to rectify their appearance as quickly as possible. Cheerful, consistent compliance is expected; grumbling and challenging attitudes will be subject to disciplinary action.