

UNIFORM POLICY 2017-18

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, staff and their fellow students.

Veritas uses Lands End and Dennis exclusively for uniforms (no other vendors permitted).

- Veritas uniforms are listed at Lands' End Online www.landsend.com/school (Code# 900136276)
- Dennis Uniform, physical store in Portland or web site www.dennisuniform.com. Use Dennis Uniform for **plaid items only** – Choose from any of the “*Marymount*” plaid items available through Dennis Uniform - for elementary (K-6) girls only.

AEP & K-6 Girls:

1. **Shoes:** Solid black, solid brown or solid navy scuff-free shoes only (they may be athletic shoes, oxfords, Mary Jane's or loafers- No boots). Heels and laces must be either brown, black or navy. 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. **Skirts:** Hemmed at knee length or below.
4. **Accessories:** Navy, white or cardinal (maroon) tights or socks (No black) must be worn at all times (no footie-socks, socks must come up to ankle or higher). Navy ankle length leggings may be worn with matching navy socks (no white socks with leggings). 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.

AEP & K-6 Boys:

1. **Shoes:** Solid black or solid brown scuff-free shoes only (they may be athletic shoes, oxfords or loafers). Heels and laces must be either brown, black or navy. Heels may be no higher than 1½ inches.
2. **Socks:** Solid-colored navy, white, black or brown socks must be worn at all times (no footie-socks, socks must come up to ankle or higher).
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 brown or solid navy leather or leather-like oxford or loafer dress shoes only (please see definitions below). Ankle or below booties may be worn if they fit the color/style/heel description. Heels and laces must be either brown, black or navy. Heels may be no higher than 2 inches. (No Uggs, Tom's, Bob's, etc. No canvas or slipper style.)
2. **Skirts:** Hemmed at knee length or below. Please check skirt lengths throughout the year as your student(s) grow or fabrics shrink.
3. **Accessories:** Socks or tights must be worn at all times. Tights may be navy or skin tone nylon (No black, white, fishnet, lacy or patterned tights or socks). Socks may be navy, white or cardinal (maroon)- no footie-socks, socks must come up to ankle or higher. Matching hair accessories may also be worn. Camisoles **must be white** or flesh colored and are to be worn tucked into pants or skirts.
4. **Assembly Wear:** A skirt, white or blue shirt and a sweater-piece (*vest or sweater*) are required for assemblies on designated days and special events. The Headmaster will determine whether the sweater-piece will be required all day. **Please note: A dark, navy blazer is required for 12 grade students but may also be worn by 9th-11th grade students.** Although girls are not required to wear the school tie for assemblies, they may be worn at any time. School ties will be available for purchase during the school year in the office.
5. **P.E.:** Athletic shorts must be modest, mid-thigh to knee length (not shorter). See example of shorts at landsend.com. Students are also required to wear the Veritas t-shirt. (available for purchase in the office)

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Secondary Boys:

1. **Shoes:** Solid black, solid brown or solid navy leather or leather-like oxford or loafer dress shoes only (please see definitions below). Heels and laces must be either brown, black or navy. Heels may be no higher than 1½ inches. (No Uggs, Tom's, Bob's, etc. No canvas or slipper style.)
2. **Socks:** Solid-colored navy, black or brown socks must be worn at all times (**no athletic** or footie-socks, socks must come up to ankle or higher with no visible patterns or logos).
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. **Please note: A dark, navy blazer is required for 12 grade students and strongly recommended for 9th-11th grade students, 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:** Athletic shorts must be black or navy and be knee length. See example of shorts at landsend.com for clarification. Students are also required to wear the Veritas t-shirt. (available for purchase in the office)

OVERALL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Dress neatly:** Boys shirts tucked in and girls shirts with tails must be tucked in. Shoes must be tied, no holes/tears in clothes, clothing appropriately sized for the wearer. Uniforms are to be free from excessive wrinkles.
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. All uniforms are to be worn clean and every effort made to keep the white uniform shirts white (no dingy white shirts).
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.). Clothes must be worn according to the biological gender at birth of the student.
4. **Undergarments:** If a boy wears an undershirt, it must be a solid white crew neck or v-neck tee shirt. Girls may wish to wear white or skin-toned tee shirts or camisoles under their shirts, tucked in to pants or skirts. Students are not to wear long sleeved tees under short sleeved shirts.
5. **Jewelry Piercings & Tattoos:** All jewelry must be modest and matching. Necklaces may only be worn underneath clothing and out-of-sight. Conservative ear piercing allowed for the **girls**, no other visible piercings or tattoos. For the **boys** no visible piercings or tattoos.
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” dress 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.
10. **Birth gender:** Students will be expected to dress in accordance with their birth gender.

11. 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.