

Middle & Upper School Dress/Appearance Requirements

Approved Uniform Suppliers

Dominion Christian School uniforms may be purchased from the vendors listed below. Dominion's plaid is Plaid #55. Although tops, skirts, and ties must be purchased from an approved supplier, uniform pants and shorts may be purchased from other stores. Please refer to Lands' End product for the approved standards of style and proper colors/shades of khaki and navy if you purchase these items from another source. Important: Only clothing that matches this standard (length, color, etc.) will be allowed. No DIY logos are permitted.

- **FlynnO'Hara Uniforms** | 9650 Main Street, Unit 20, Fairfax, VA 22031 | www.flynnohara.com
- **School Outfitters by Lands' End** | Preferred School # 900041716 | www.landsend.com
- **School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger** | Code: DOMI01 | <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/>

Uniform Requirements for Dominion Ladies

Ladies, Everyday Uniform, Grades 7-12

Shirt: White, navy blue, or red, short or long sleeve collared polo shirt with logo.

Skirt: Navy, plaid, or khaki skirt or kilt, within 4 inches of top of kneecap.

Pants: Classic khaki or navy twill "Docker-style." No jeans or cargo style pants.

Shorts: Classic khaki or navy twill "Docker-style." No jeans or cargo style shorts.

Sweater: Navy cardigan

Sweatshirt: Red or navy, Dominion logo required.

Socks: White, blue, or red socks.

Hosiery: Nude, black or navy hose/tights (solid color, no designs). Navy or black leggings to ankle.

Shoes: Closed toe and heel.

Belt: Brown or black belt to be worn with pants or shorts.

Ladies, Dress Uniform, Grades 7-12

The dress uniform will be required for Seminar, field trips, school programs, and other special occasions. Upper school students (grades 9-12 only) should wear the dress uniform every Friday unless otherwise communicated in the Nota Bene (weekly school newsletter) or the North MS/US events calendar.

Blouse: White blouse

Skirt: Plaid skirt or kilt, within 3 inches of top of kneecap (plaid #55) (no navy or khaki skirt.)

Blazer (9-12): Navy blazer for grades 9-12 only (Approved Flynn O'Hara Blazer) with name clearly labeled inside

Sweater: Navy fine gauge cardigan or navy sweater vest. Dominion logo required if you choose to purchase this.

Shoes: Brown, black, or navy dress flat or up to 1 inch heel shoes.

Hosiery: Navy tights or nude hose, no leggings, no socks.

Uniform Requirements for Dominion Gentlemen

Gentlemen, Everyday Uniform, Grades 7-12

Shirt: White, navy or red short or long sleeve collared polo shirt, Dominion logo required.

Pants: Khaki or navy twill “Docker-style.” No jeans or cargo style pants.

Shorts: Khaki or navy twill “Docker-style”. No jeans or cargo style shorts.

Sweatshirt: Red or navy, Dominion logo required if you choose to purchase this item.

Socks: White, red, blue or black socks.

Shoes: Closed toe and closed heel.

Belt: Brown or black leather belt to be worn with pants or shorts.

Gentlemen, Dress Uniform, Grades 7-12

The dress uniform will be required for Seminar, field trips, school programs, and other special occasions. Upper school students (grades 9-12 only) should wear the dress uniform every Friday unless otherwise communicated in the Nota Bene (weekly school newsletter) or the North MS/US Events calendar.

Shirt: White short or long sleeve collared dress shirt.

Pants: Classic khaki ONLY, no navy, “Docker-style;” no jeans or cargo style pants.

Tie: Dominion striped tie (not the Lower School plaid tie).

Shoes: Brown or black dress shoes for special occasions. Dark socks.

Belt: Brown or black leather to be worn with pants.

Blazer (9-12): Navy blazer for grades 9-12 only (Approved Flynn O’Hara Blazer) No hoodies are allowed with dress uniform, including before or between classes. Coats are appropriate for outdoors only.

All Students, Physical Education Uniform, Grades 7-9

Shirts and shorts must be purchased through the school store link provided to parents. Students must wear appropriate athletic shoes with a rubber sole and good support (no sandals, loafers, etc.).

All Students, Casual Dress, Grades 7-12

Unless explicitly stated in this policy or in school communications to families, the everyday dress code is the standard for dress while students are on campus and for all Dominion events, including before and after school. The casual dress code will apply on the **first Wednesday of the month** (unless an exception is announced in advance) or for specific school events (when the use of the casual dress code is announced in advance).

- Students may dress in clean, modest clothing that is not ripped or stained.
- Jeans, t-shirts, non-athletic shorts (minimum 5” inseam), and skirts (within 4” of the top of the kneecap), non-Dominion outerwear, and closed toe shoes may be worn.
- *Spaghetti straps, shoulderless tops, sleeveless tops or shirts may not be worn.*
- *Tops that are low-cut or too short to cover the midriff may not be worn.*
- *Clothing with messages or slogans (even Christian messages) may not be worn.*

- *Pajamas, sleeping pants, sweatpants, athletic shorts or pants, leggings worn as pants, other athletic wear, house slippers, sandals, crocs, etc., may not be worn.*
- *Undergarments may not show.*

All Students, House Shirt Days, Grades 7-12

On **House Tuesday** (one Tuesday each month—dates communicated in advance and listed on the North MS/US Events calendar), students may wear **house shirts** with khaki pants, jeans, or uniform skirts/shorts. Please note that only house shirts will be permitted, so students are advised to order them at the start of school if they would like to participate in house shirt day. (House shirts from previous years are also permitted.) Information regarding ordering will be sent by the Dean of Student Activities at the beginning of each academic year.

General Uniform Requirements

Expectations of Parents

Dominion students are expected to follow Dominion policies as a condition of enrollment. Dominion parents are expected to ensure that students do so by providing disciplinary correction as necessary. As such, Dominion asks parents to ensure that students follow the dress code before they leave home each day. If a student is repeatedly out of uniform, his/her parents may be contacted by the Principal or Dean of Women to schedule a meeting to discuss compliance standards. Repeated disregard for the school's dress code may result in additional conversations about whether or not a student may continue to attend Dominion Christian School.

The Dominion uniform is intended to create a “we” culture that urges students to express their commitment to our community and high standards. We encourage students to express and distinguish themselves as individuals through behavior, good choices, the way they treat others, through scholarship, and by pursuing a robust spiritual life, not by seeking to push the boundaries of the school's dress code. If there are doubts about the suitability of a particular garment, please do not allow your student to wear it. Likewise, if students wish to pursue haircuts or styles that might push the boundaries of the spirit of the uniform/dress code, please err on the conservative side of the standards.

Labeling & Clothing Condition

All uniform items must be marked with a student's name—this is especially important for the upper school blazers. Clothing must be appropriately-sized for the wearer and free from holes, rips/tears, fading, and stains.

Outerwear

Except for approved Dominion outerwear, all coats, jackets, and other outerwear must be stored in lockers while a student is at school. Hoodies are not permitted to be worn with dress uniforms, even outdoors. Official Dominion spiritwear may be worn over the 7-12 everyday uniform, provided that proper uniform attire (including a polo and a belt) is worn underneath.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts

- Gentlemen must tuck in their shirts.
- Belts must be worn with pants and shorts.
- Shorts may be no shorter than a 5” inseam, and skirts may be no more than 4” above the knee.
- Athletic attire—including sweatpants, warm-ups, athletic shorts—is not permitted unless explicitly allowed within the dress code. Leggings are permitted to be worn under skirts if desired.

Hair / Facial Hair / Headwear

- Hair must be clean, brushed, and evenly-cut or properly-styled.
- Fad haircuts are not permitted.
- Hair must not obstruct the view of any portion of a student’s face below the forehead.
- Hair must be free from unnatural-colored hair dyes (NOTE: *If a student dyes his/her hair an unnatural color during the summer, he or she must return the hair to a natural color before school begins. Please note that “wash out” dyes often do not come out entirely. If a student is unable to wash a dye out of his/her hair before school begins, he/she may be asked to bleach and re-dye the hair to a natural color.*)
- Male students with longer hair that meets the above-stated expectations may use hair ties; female students may use hair ties or headbands.
- Bandanas/kerchiefs may not be worn on the head.
- Hats are not permitted to be worn inside buildings.
- Gentlemen must be clean-shaven (no beards, goatees, mustaches, or ungroomed sideburns).

Make-up/Jewelry

- Jewelry: Gentlemen are not permitted to have visible piercings. For ladies, two ear piercings per ear are permitted; no other piercings may be visible. Nose rings, grommet piercings, and tongue or lip rings are not permitted. Other jewelry may be worn provided it is not excessive.
- Nail polish is permitted for ladies in any color besides black.
- Ladies in Grades 7-12 may wear tasteful, neutral, and minimal make-up.

Special Occasions

As determined by the school’s leadership team, special events (field trips, class parties) may call for other clothing options. These will be advertised in advance in the Nota Bene (the school’s weekly newsletter), announced during Morning Meeting, and/or via a note from the classroom teacher.

Compliance

Parents may be required to bring clothing to school so that a student may comply with dress code. (This includes the delivery of missing belts, ties, and proper shoes.) The administration reserves the sole right to determine the appropriateness of attire, grooming, and accessories.