

DRESS CODE

As students of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Cardinal O'Hara students will follow and adhere to all General Policies set forth by the Archdiocese and the local school.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA GENERAL DRESS CODE POLICIES

Attention to personal appearance is an important part of the maturation process for young Catholic men and women. The school uniform expresses not only traditional values of economy, neatness, and practicality but also our unity as a community of believers and learners. A person's appearance is a reflection of self-image and is an indication of respect for oneself and others. The dress code promotes pride in personal appearance, pride in representing the student's school community, and pride in their being part of the Catholic school system. The dress code and uniform policy affirm the values of modesty and decency in keeping with the teachings of the Church and each local school community.

Students are expected to be clean, well groomed, and dressed appropriately at all times. Regulation school uniforms must be purchased through the official supplier of school uniforms for the Secondary School System, Flynn & O'Hara.

The Office of Catholic Education sets the time for seasonal code changes to the dress policy. The Administration at each local school is the final judge of adherence to, or violations of, the dress code and uniform policy.

1. Students must be in full uniform by 7:50 AM. When there is a need to change clothes for school activities or work, students must use designated areas such as locker rooms or bathrooms.
2. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in, not worn outside the pants, or skorts;
3. If a student has a serious reason for not wearing the full school uniform on a given day, he/she must bring a note from a parent or doctor to the Student Services Office. If the situation is long-term, a note must be on file from the doctor or parent. The Assistant Principal for Student Services assigns the details of substitute dress;
4. Sneakers or athletic shoes may not be worn. If the student is unable to wear the school shoe, another dress shoe must be purchased and a note must be on file from the doctor or parent. Examples of inappropriate substitute footwear include (but are not limited to): as boots of any kind, sandals, flip-flops, shower shoes, slippers, and other casual shoes. Sneakers for gym class are worn only in the Gym, and only for the gym class itself;
5. Students in Physical Education class must wear the gym outfit determined by the teacher of the course.
6. In the case of field trips, spirit days, etc. the Administration will determine the dress of the day for students;
7. 7. Extreme hair styles or hair dyes (including two-toned hair styles) are not permitted for any student, male or female. Gentlemen are not permitted to wear ponytails, mohawks, fauxhawks, extravagant shaved designs. For gentlemen, hair is to be no longer than the top of the collar. Young ladies may not wear excessive jewelry or make-up;
8. 8. **No visible tattoos** are permitted on any student. **No visible body piercing** is permitted on any student (except for one pair of earrings for the ladies). This includes piercing of the tongue, eyebrows, lips and/or nose;
9. 9. A student who violates the dress or hair code may receive demerits and remain out of school for a brief period until the situation has been corrected;
10. 10. Students representing the school at official functions must wear the regulation uniform. All clothing items which are a part of the official school uniform must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara. Regulation shoes will be purchased from suppliers determined by the local school administration;
11. All female students must wear the regulation skirts. These can be no shorter than one to three inches above the knee. In addition to the skirts, ladies will wear an oxford cloth style blouse and a school sweater. Regulation shoes are to be worn with approved stockings, tights or knee highs. Only the top button of the blouse is to be unbuttoned;
12. Where and when permitted, in the Fall and Spring months, students may wear a short-sleeved oxford blouse or school approved polo. Knee highs may be worn instead of the stockings or tights. No sport socks of any kind are permitted. If a t-shirt is worn under the polo shirt or blouse it is to be a solid, white, plain t-shirt with absolutely no printing, writing or pictures on it;
13. The regulation shoe policy remains in effect during the entire school year. Sneakers, sandals or flip-flops are never permitted.

The following are additional dress regulations specific to Cardinal O'Hara:

MALE AND FEMALE STUDENTS

1. All students will follow the Dress Code regulations set forth by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia;
2. All students, even those with early dismissal, must maintain the proper dress within the school until the end of eighth period. Outerwear is to be kept in the student's locker;
3. All students will participate in a daily dress code check during homeroom each morning;
4. All clothing is expected to be clean, fit properly and be in good condition. Torn or damaged clothing must be repaired or replaced regardless of the amount of time remaining in the school year;
5. Full head coverings are not permitted (hats, scarves, bandanas);
6. There are to be no innovations to the uniform to alter or conform to current fashion;
7. HAIR: should be neat, clean and well groomed. Color must be one that is found naturally on human beings. No unusual, extreme styles, exaggerated fashions, colors, styles may be worn. This includes fashionable styles that become and cause a distraction in school. This determination is made by the Administration;
8. The school sweater or blazer is the only option to be worn during any season. Unless authorized by Administration, even Cardinal O'Hara logo sweatshirts, hoodies, team jackets, etc. are not to worn with the school uniform. **Exception:** ALL students may wear the official O'Hara fleece quarter-zip on Fridays all year unless the Administration indicates it is a formal uniform day. On formal uniform days, only sweaters or blazers may be worn. Seniors may wear the O'Hara fleece daily except on formal days.

MALE STUDENTS

1. Solid color uniform dress pants in navy blue or gray with a conventional belt. Cotton pants are not acceptable;
2. Oxford cloth shirt, in solid light blue, white, pink or yellow; a traditional neck tie worn. The shirt must be tucked in at the waist so the belt shows. Only a solid, white, plain t-shirt (no graphics or writing) may be worn under the oxford shirt. Long sleeve t-shirts may not be visible
3. The official cardinal or dark blue school sweater;
4. Males must be clean-shaven. This includes mustaches, goatees, beards, and long sideburns. Hair styles and length, including cultural variations should not fall below the top of the shirt collar, nor be longer than 2 inches;
5. Required shoes are tan bucs with orange soles. Shoes must be properly laced and unaltered backs.
6. Males may not wear earrings.

Male students- Beginning with the Class of 2020

1. Solid Khaki poly/cotton Classic Men's Pants (NOT Cargo or "Skinny" styles) with a conventional belt.
2. Oxford cloth shirt, in solid light blue, or white, The Official O'Hara neck tie worn. The shirt must be tucked in at the waist so the belt shows. Only a solid, white, plain t-shirt (no graphics or writing) may be worn under the oxford shirt. Long sleeve t-shirts may not be visible;
3. The official cardinal or navy school sweater or blazer;
4. Males must be clean shaven. This includes mustaches, goatees, beards, and long sideburns. Hair styles and length, including cultural variations should not fall below the top of the shirt collar, nor be longer than 2 inches;
5. Required shoes are tan "dirty buc oxford shoe". Shoes must be properly laced and unaltered backs.
6. Males may not wear earrings.

FEMALE STUDENTS

1. Blue and red plaid skort no shorter than ne inch above the knee;
2. Oxford cloth blue, white, pink, or yellow blouse with button down collar. Blouse must be tucked in at the waist so the waistband of the skort shows. Only a solid, white, plain t-shirt (no graphics or writing) may be worn under the oxford shirt. Long sleeve t-shirts may not be visible;

3. The official cardinal or dark blue school sweater;
4. Required shoes are tan bucs with orange soles. Shoes must be properly laced and unaltered backs;
5. Small earrings may be worn but should not be larger than a quarter or extend more than an inch below the ear;
6. Cardinal or dark blue tights must be worn;
7. Headbands must be modest in width and design. Scarves, bandanas or any full head coverings are not permitted.

Female students- Beginning with the Class of 2020

1. Navy and red plaid wrap around skirt no shorter than one inch above the knee;
2. Oxford cloth shirt, in solid light blue, or white. The shirt must be tucked in at the waist . Only a solid colored or plain white t-shirt (no graphics or writing) may be worn under the oxford shirt. Long sleeve t-shirts may not be visible;
3. The official cardinal or navy school sweater;
4. Required shoes are tan “dirty buc oxford shoe”. Shoes must be properly laced and unaltered backs;
5. Earrings may be worn but should not be larger than a quarter or extend more than an inch below the ear;
6. Cardinal or dark blue tights must be worn;
7. Headbands must be modest in width and design.
8. Scarves, bandanas or any full head coverings are not permitted.

WARM WEATHER REGULATIONS

1. Warm weather regulations are in effect at the opening of school until October, and from April until the end of the school year. **Administration will announce specific dates;**
2. The school sweater or blazer is not required in warm weather, but is the only acceptable option to be worn during any season. **Exception:** Friday O’Hara fleece quarter zip. Senior daily fleece.
3. Both male and female students may wear the optional school golf shirt in place of the oxford shirt. Short and long sleeve options exist. Long sleeves may be worn in place of the short sleeve, but DO NOT replace the winter Oxford cloth. Only a solid, white, plain t-shirt (no graphics or writing) may be worn under the golf shirt;
4. Female students may wear navy or cardinal knee socks during the warm weather months. Peds, half socks, or athletic/crew socks are not permitted.