

Uniform and Dress Code

Donahue Academy's dress code attempts to ensure a look that is conservative, modest, clean-cut and uniform. Students are to be modest, neat, clean, and well-groomed. The uniform is to be properly worn and respected. It is up to the school administration to interpret and determine the dress code and any exceptions or amendments necessary to address unforeseen issues. It is the responsibility of each student's parents to ensure that the dress code is followed. Any student not in the proper attire is asked to bring a note from home.

The uniform must be worn from the time the student enters the building in the morning until he or she leaves the property after school. Exceptions in the school building are after 4:00pm, or when actively changing into a sports uniform in the locker rooms. Students must bring the required gym uniform on days of scheduled classes. Clothing may be stored at the school until P.E. class and then taken home the same afternoon. Pre-K through eighth grade students do not change for P.E. class. Please remember to label all clothing. Additionally:

- Shirts must be tucked in.
- All pants and shorts will be worn with a belt secured at the waist and must be properly sized for the student.
- All shoes must fit securely with the shoelaces tied. Shoes must be non-marking. All socks must be solid and without logos.
- No visible or simulated body piercing or tattoos.
- Visible make-up of any kind is not permitted with the exception for girls 9th grade and above who may wear subtle makeup and nail polish. No artificial nails of any kind or artificial eyelashes may ever be worn.
- Hair must be neat, clean, and conservative and remain out of the eyes. No extreme haircuts or styles. Artificial hair coloring must be a natural color. No tinting or highlighting. Boys' hair must be above the eyebrows, ears, and collar. Boys may not have facial hair.
- Jewelry:
 - Boys are permitted only one watch and one religious medal.
 - Girls 5th and younger are permitted one watch, one bracelet, one religious medal, one ring, and one set of small earrings.
 - Girls 6th and up are permitted one watch, one bracelet, two necklaces, two rings and two sets of earrings.
- All clothing items needed can be ordered at Lands' End (www.landsend.com) using the school code 900156647.
- Except for skirts, all items that do not require a school logo (e.g. dress shirts, khaki pants, navy pants, etc.) may be purchased from the retailer of your choice, so long the item has the same color and classic-fit as the corresponding Lands' End uniform item (which you may inspect in the school office).

Grammar Stage Grades

PK-5 Girls Uniform

- White shirt with Peter-Pan collar (long sleeve optional)
- Plaid (Hunter / Classic Navy) Jumper with Donahue Academy logo with any navy shorts worn (hidden) under the jumper
- White ankle sock or navy tights; *no “no-shows,” mid-calf, or crew socks; no leggings*
- Solid white (non-marking) athletic shoe
- No PE uniform for PK-5

PK-5 Boys Uniform

- Polo with logo (long sleeve optional)
- Flat front or pleated front navy shorts or pants with a black dress belt
- White crew or ankle sock
- Solid black (non-marking) athletic shoe
- No PE uniform for PK-5

We encourage all students (except 9-12 boys, who have blazers) to purchase a navy cardigan with Donahue Academy logo, which can be worn any time. Other sweaters, jackets, hoodies, etc. are not allowed while in class.

Logic Stage Grades

Girls 6-8

- White knit shirt with Peter-Pan collar (long sleeve optional) with Donahue Academy logo
- Pleated or A-line plaid (Hunter / Classic Navy) skirt
- Girls *may opt* to wear a navy sweater vest or cardigan with logo at any time
- White ankle sock or navy tights. *No “no-shows,” mid-calf, or crew socks; no leggings*
- Brown (or Tan) boat shoe (e.g., Sperry, Dockers, Margaritaville - *no canvas or athletic-looking or skate shoes*)

Boys 6-8

- Short or long sleeve No-Iron Pinpoint or Oxford with school tie
- Navy pants with brown or black dress belt
- Navy or brown solid dress socks or white crew socks
- Brown (or Tan) boat shoe (e.g., Sperry, Dockers, Margaritaville - *no canvas or athletic-looking or skate shoes*)

Boys 6-8 Hot Weather Uniform:

- White polo with Donahue Academy logo
 - 2nd week of school to Oct. 1 and
 - after May 1 to end of school

We encourage all students (except 9-12 boys, who have blazers) to purchase a navy cardigan with logo, which can be worn any time. Other sweaters, jackets, hoodies, etc. are not to be worn.

Rhetoric Stage Grades

Girls 9-12

- White polo worn with navy sweater vest with Donahue Academy logo *OR* long sleeve white Oxford blouse (the latter of which need only be worn with a sweater vest and/or navy cardigan with logo during all-school Mass)
- Khaki uniform solid box pleat skirt. NOTE: *The end of the skirt must be no shorter than the point that is halfway between the end of the fingertips and the knee (when hands are dropped at the side)*
- Socks: navy knee-highs *OR* white ankle socks *OR* navy tights. No “no-shows,” mid-calf, or crew socks; no leggings
- Brown (or Tan) boat shoe (e.g., Sperry, Dockers, Margaritaville - *no canvas or athletic-looking or skate shoes*)

Girls 9-12 Hot Weather Uniform:

- White or Navy polo with Donahue Academy logo
 - 2nd week of school to Oct. 1 and
 - after May 1 to end of school

Boys 9-12

- Short or long sleeve No-Iron Pinpoint or Oxford with school tie
- Navy blazer with Donahue Academy logo (worn during all school Mass)
- Flat front or pleated front khakis with a brown dress belt
- Dark, solid color dress socks
- Brown (or Tan) boat shoe (e.g., Sperry, Dockers, Margaritaville - *no canvas or athletic-looking or skate shoes*)

Boys 9-12 Hot Weather Uniform:

- White or Navy polo with Donahue Academy logo
 - 2nd week of school to Oct. 1 and
 - after May 1 to end of school

Gym Uniform Grades 6-8

- Uniform they are wearing for the day
- Uniform shoes (or may change into athletic shoes)

Gym Uniform Grades 6-12

- Donahue T-shirt
- Donahue solid blue mesh shorts NOTE: *Length of shorts must be below the end of the fingertips when hands are dropped at sides*
- Athletic shoes

Outerwear

No sweatshirts or other outer gear may be worn in the building, but they may be worn while outside. The only approved sweater is the navy cardigan with logo, which can be worn any time.

Free Dress Days

Upon occasion, the principal may allow for a free dress day. Please be mindful of the free dress day guidelines:

- All clothing must be modest and without any offensive or suggestive wording, including references to drugs, alcohol, or music groups
- Clothes should be clean and properly fitting, neither sagging nor skin-tight (e.g., no yoga pants, leggings, etc.), without rips or patches, and not revealing undergarments or midsections; dresses and tops should have sleeves and modest necklines
- Skirts and shorts should be of such a length that they extend beyond the tips of the fingers when the students' hands are at their sides
- Pants and shorts should be secured at the waist
- No sandals or open-toed shoes

In general, chaste behavior and modesty in dress and comportment is expected at all times by all those on school property and at school events. All students, staff, faculty, and visitors are to observe modesty when using changing facilities and restrooms and may only use facilities that conform to the individual's biological sex. The latter policy applies in any state of undress in front of others.