



**Visitation Catholic STEM Academy
2017-2018
Uniform Policy
PK THROUGH GRADE 8**

Uniforms maintain a longstanding strong tradition, reflect school pride, and help students retain high regard for personal appearance. Uniforms are a first opportunity to make an impression. Uniforms express a commitment to modesty, safety, professionalism, and ensure a distraction-free learning environment providing a level playing field for all students. The following guidelines shall be observed at all times for grades PK-8):

- Students are expected to wear and maintain clean, sharp, crisp, and appropriately sized uniforms.
- When uniforms become tattered or show signs of wear they should be repaired or replaced.
- Students should be in uniform every day except for free dress opportunities granted occasionally by the principal, or a valid reason in writing from the parent/guardian requesting an exemption for that day.
- Parents will be notified of uniform code violations through written warnings and/or phone calls. Students who repeatedly violate the uniform policy, (e.g.—more than three violations in a trimester, will be denied free dress privileges or serve detention).
- When needed, the faculty and staff of Visitation Catholic STEM Academy are given the authority to decide what is appropriate and what isn't.
- *The principal reserves the right to amend this policy for just cause. Parents will be notified of such changes through the school newsletter or a note home.*
- Uniforms are required for all students beginning the first day of school. The uniform dress code is in effect from 7:55 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. including lunchtime and recess and must be worn to school sponsored events (e.g.-field trips) unless noted/approved by principal.
- ***Sweatshirts are not part of the standard uniform and are optional for Spirit Days on Tuesdays only!***
- Regulation uniform is only available for purchase through The Dennis Uniform Company online <http://www.dennisuniform.com/> (School code: XSV315) or at the store outlet: 12608 Interurban Avenue S. , Tukwila, WA 98168 Phone (206) 431-2000

Boys Pre-K through gr 8	Girls Pre-K through gr 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue chinos (these are twill pants) must be worn with a solid black or brown belt (no fancy or elaborate belt buckles permitted). Belts required for grades 5-8. • White Oxford button-down short-sleeve or long-sleeve shirt or white polo shirt. • Shirts must be tucked in at all times. • Lloyd Plaid tie with Oxford shirt <u>are required for Mass on Fridays. No polo shirts allowed on Fridays.</u> • Navy blue V-neck sweater vest; V-neck long-sleeve pull-over; V-neck cardigan with embroidered Visitation Catholic STEM Academy logo. • Black or brown dress shoes or black or white tennis shoes. No sparkly lights or fluorescent colors allowed. Slip-resistant sole styles. Always excluded are high-tops, slippers, sandals, flip-flops, athletic slides, house shoes, rollerblade type shoes or moccasins. Boots are not permitted. • Solid black or navy blue socks (must cover the ankle; no footies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lloyd Plaid jumper (required for grades PK-4) • Lloyd Plaid skirt (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee; required for grades 5-8) • White Oxford button-down blouse; short or long-sleeve or white polo shirt. • Shirts must be tucked in at all times. • Tie Crossover/Pearl Snap-Lloyd Plaid with Oxford shirt <u>are required for Mass on Fridays. No polo shirts allowed on Fridays.</u> • Navy blue V-neck sweater vest; V-neck long-sleeve pull-over; V-neck cardigan with embroidered Visitation Catholic STEM Academy logo • Solid navy blue or black footed-tights (optional) • <i>Leggings are not allowed</i> • Solid black or navy blue knee-high or crew socks (must cover the ankle; no footies or anklets) • Black or brown dress shoes or black or white tennis shoes. No sparkly lights or fluorescent colors allowed. Slip-resistant sole styles. Always excluded are high-tops, slippers, sandals, flip-flops, athletic slides, house shoes, rollerblade type shoes or moccasins. Boots are not permitted. • Navy blue chinos/twill pants permitted <u>with the exception of Mass on Fridays.</u>

- **Hair** is to be clean and well groomed. Any style or color that would draw undue attention to a student during school is not permitted. Only natural colors are permitted. No Mohawks or scalp designs are allowed. Hairstyles or colors deemed distracting by the principal are not permitted. For boys, hair shall not extend below the top of the collar and shall be cut above the eyebrow line. Girl's hair must be above the eyebrows and/or held back from face with pins, headbands, or barrettes. Hair ornaments are permitted for girls, but should be in the colors of white, green, navy, black, red or school plaid and complement the colors of the uniform (Available through Dennis Uniform). When in doubt about a prospective style or color, please consult the principal beforehand.
- **Free dress** will be a privilege that is earned and shall be granted occasionally throughout the school year and will be outlined specifically with notification from the school principal. Free dress must be neat, modest, and appropriate. Jeans or khakis in good condition (no holes or tears in jeans allowed); shirts with only appropriate message/design. No sweats or spandex type fashions, cut-offs, bare midriffs, miniskirts or tank tops. Baggy or ill-fitting clothes are not permitted. Shoe, make-up, and jewelry regulations apply on non-uniform days. Shorts/skirts/dresses need to be the same length as uniform skirt, or jumper.
- **Make-up and Jewelry:** No make-up is permitted for any student in any grade. **Nail polish of any kind is not permitted.** No false nails. Watches are permitted. For safety reasons, body piercing is not permitted at school, with the exception of small stud-type earrings in the earlobe, single or double may be worn. Boys may not wear earrings. Nose rings, eye brow rings and earrings in the ear cartilage may not be worn by any student. No ankle bracelets, no necklaces, chains, pucca shells or medallions, except for religious medals or crosses. No more than one bracelet may be worn. No friendship bracelets, no rubber bracelets/wristband, etc. except religious in nature or supporting acceptable cause. Bracelets/wristbands must be compatible with Catholic moral values and not incompatible with Catholic teaching. For safety reasons and loss of student property fine jewelry is not allowed.
- **Group Uniforms:** Students may wear their full-dress Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Brownie or Girl Scout uniform on authorized meeting days. Standard uniform requirements takes precedence over group uniforms on Holy Days of Obligation and Mass each Friday.
- **Coats/jackets** are a requirement between November 1st and March 31st.
- **Hats:** No hats or head covering will be allowed in the building for either boys or girls. Winter hats (e.g. - knitted hats; made from wool or acrylic, also known as a ski cap, knit hat, knit cap, sock cap, stocking cap, toboggan, or watch cap) permitted for recess on playground November 1-March 31st. Medical exceptions for hats/head coverings permitted with prior permission of the principal.
- **Free Dress for Uniforms at Church:** Students who wear their Visitation Catholic STEM Academy uniform to church (whichever church the family attends) on the first Saturday or Sunday of the month may wear free dress the following Monday. A note from the students' parent must accompany the student and be given to their teacher in either case.
- **T-Shirt Tuesday:** Every Tuesday, students may wear Viking CYO T-shirts or sweatshirts instead of the Visitation uniform sweater. Students are still required to wear the uniform pants or skirt with the t-shirt or sweatshirt. Spirit wear shall include: Visitation Viking T-shirts/sweatshirts, fleeces, pull-overs, embroidered school sweatshirts, monogrammed sweaters and/or fleece vests, etc. Spirit wear can be purchased via Ink, Inc. in Tacoma through the school office. Spirit wear may be only worn on Tuesday Spirit Days.
- **Free Dress First Tuesdays:** The first Tuesday of every month is a free dress day. Students are asked to bring a can of food for the Visitation Parish Food Bank on these days.