



Visitation Catholic STEM Academy PK – Grade 8 Uniform Policy

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.

Regulation uniform is only available for purchase through The **Dennis Uniform Company** online, <http://www.dennisuniform.com/>, school code: XSV315. The National Customer Service # is 1 800-854-6951.

Boys Pre-K through gr 8	Girls Pre-K through gr 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy blue chinos (twill pants). Black or brown belts required for grades 5-8. Walking Shorts (optional). 1st day of school until Oct 31. Then again 1st Mon. after Spring break. White Oxford button-down short-sleeve or long-sleeve shirt or white polo shirt. Lloyd Plaid tie with Oxford shirt are required for Mass on Thursdays. No polo shirts allowed on Thursdays. Navy blue V-neck sweater vest; V-neck long-sleeve pull-over; V-neck cardigan with embroidered Visitation Catholic STEM Academy logo. Black or white tennis shoes. Solid black, navy blue, or white socks that cover the ankle. 	<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) Walking Shorts (optional). 1st day of school until October 31. Then again 1st Mon. after Spring break. White Oxford button-down blouse; short or long-sleeve or white polo shirt. Tie Crossover/Pearl Snap-Lloyd Plaid with Oxford shirt are required for Mass on Thursdays. No polo shirts allowed on Thursdays. 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, black, or white footed-tights (optional). Solid black, navy blue or white knee-high or crew socks that cover the ankle. Black or white tennis shoes. Navy blue chinos/twill pants permitted with the exception of Mass on Thursdays.

Uniform Guidelines:

- Hair** - Hair must be neat, clean, with no artificial colors, and well groomed. If a student comes to school with colored hair or highlighted hair, they will be required to have it dyed back to their natural color within a time frame designated by the school. Hairstyles or colors that draw attention to the individual are not acceptable. Hair ornaments should complement the colors of the uniform and not be distracting. Hairstyles deemed distracting by the faculty and/or the administration are not appropriate. Boys and girls are to keep their hair out of their eyes. Mohawks are not allowed. **Hair guideline for boys:** hair to the top of the collar, off the ears, and above the eyebrows. Boys with hair longer than their collar are required to tie it back neatly, in a bun or braid. Boys must be clean-shaven.
- Makeup** - No makeup is permitted for any student in any grade. Students may wear clear nail polish only. Other nail polish colors, French Manicures, and designs on nails are not allowed. Artificial fingernails are not appropriate and not allowed.
- Belts** - Boys in grades 5 – 8 must wear belts with pants at all times. Belts will coordinate with uniforms: black, blue, gray or brown in color.
- Blouses** - White long or short sleeved blouse with Peter Pan or sports collar; white knit turtleneck pullover; long or short sleeved button front white knit with collar. All blouses and shirts must be tucked into the waistband. **Button-up shirts are required on full dress uniform days.** No logos, trim or crests are permitted.
- Coats** - Coats/jackets are a requirement for all students between November and April. Coats may not be worn in the classroom. They are to be hung in the coat areas except during recess or P.E.
- Jewelry** - Should be simple, not distracting, dangling or overly large, or of a color or style that does not compliment the uniform. **Earring guideline: earrings should be the size of a dime or smaller.** Boys may not wear earrings. No jewelry should be worn which would impact the students' safety. Hair ornaments should be of colors that complement the uniform. **No** rubber band bracelets, rubber character bracelets, character silicone bracelets or

character wristbands are allowed. Wristbands that promote a charity or health awareness are fine as long as they are appropriate and have approval from the student's teacher.

- **Jumpers and skirts** – Girls in PK - 4 wear the Lloyd plaid jumper and girls in grades 5-8 wear the Lloyd plaid skirt, both to be worn within **2 inches** of the knee and purchased at the Dennis Uniform Company. Shorts should be worn under the jumper or skirt but may not be visible. **Leggings may not be worn with the uniform.** (Girls may wear tights during cold weather.)
- **Pants** - All pants must be a uniform-style pant. Students in grades PK -- 8 wear plain navy blue, regular navy corduroy, or cotton twill long pants, available at the Dennis Uniform Store. Pants must not have contrasting stitching or adornments, and be ankle length, straight legged, and hemmed to shoe tops. Pants must be worn snugly around the waist and may not be baggy and oversized. No cargo-type pants are allowed
- **Shirts** – Students in PK – 8 wear short sleeved, button front, white knit-polo shirts with collars. All shirts must be tucked into the waistband. (NO LOGOS or crests permitted.)
- **Ties** – Lloyd plaid tie for boys, Lloyd plaid tie crossover with pearl snap for girls. Ties for all students are required on school mass days and any full dress uniform day.
- **Shoes** – Students must wear casual or tennis shoes. They should be colors that coordinate with the uniform: black, white, blue, navy blue, brown, or gray. No print, plaid or bright neon colors. All laces must be tied for safety purposes. Velcro laces are acceptable and preferred for young students who cannot tie their own shoes. No open-toed shoes of any kind, no sandals, slippers, glitter/sequins, slippery-soled party shoes or flip flops. **No boots of any kind are allowed to be worn with the uniform with the exception of rain boots for PK students.**
- **Shorts** – Students may wear uniform navy blue walking length shorts in cotton twill (not knit or athletic style). They may be worn from the start of school through October 31st and from April 1st to the last day of school. Shorts must be worn within 2 inches of the knee.
- **Socks** - All students are to wear socks at all times. They should be colors that coordinate with the uniform: black, white, navy or gray. Girls may wear knee-highs, anklets or coordinated tights during cold weather. All socks should be plain without adornments, logos, or lace. Tights in the above colors are allowed (no leggings) during the winter months.
- **Sweaters and Vests** – Uniform sweaters or vests with embroidered Visitation Catholic STEM Academy logo are a part of the full uniform. All sweaters must fit appropriately and need to be kept in good repair and replaced when needed.
- **Hats:** No hats or head covering will be allowed in the building for either boys or girls. Winter hats permitted for recess on playground November 1-March 31st. Medical exceptions for hats/head coverings permitted with prior permission of the principal.
- **Miscellaneous** - No facial piercing of any kind is allowed. No visible or body tattoos are allowed. Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) or Scouting uniforms may be worn to school on days of meetings.
- **Free Dress** - Occasionally the school will announce non-uniform days. **The first Tuesday of every month is free dress.** Students are asked to bring a can of food for the Visitation Parish Food Bank on these days. It is the parents' responsibility to send their children in appropriate attire for school. Dress on these days must be neat, modest, and appropriate for school. Students may not wear cut-offs, tank tops/spaghetti straps, mini-skirts, spandex-type fashions, sweat clothes or yoga pants, or T-shirts with sayings or designs which advertise drugs, alcohol, or any other inappropriate subject matter or sexual innuendos. Shirts, sweatshirts, and dresses must cover the shoulders. No exposure of the mid-drift is allowed. Shorts must always be of walking length. Shorts may only be worn from the start of school through October 31st and from April 1st to the last day of school. No leggings or jeggings are allowed on non-uniform days. Jeans must be in good repair and may not be ripped, have holes, or any adornments on them. Uggs and low-heeled boots are only allowed on non-uniform days
- **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 through the school office. Spirit wear may be only worn on Tuesday Spirit Days.

Please see the Family Handbook, on our website under the “Parent Portal”, for more information on our Uniform Policies.