

THE CONNECTION SCHOOL OF HOUSTON

UNIFORM & DRESS CODE POLICY

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The Connection School of Houston uniform policy is guided by 1 Peter 3:3-4 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20:

“Do not let your adorning be external – the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry or the clothing you wear – but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.”

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT THE DRESS CODE:

The Connection School of Houston uniform policy has two parts.

The first is the required school uniform for **Chapel Days** and special assembly days when “Chapel Day uniform” is indicated by staff of TCSOH. These requirements apply to all students in grades K-12.

The second part describes **School Day** uniform codes for elementary, junior high, and high school.

In addition, please be aware of the following:

Girl’s clear plaid jumper or clear plaid skirt **must be purchased from Land’s End**. Other Uniform items, **with the exception of the girls’ clear plaid jumpers or clear plaid skirts** may be purchased from any store that matches Land’s End designs, style and colors.

Outerwear (jackets and sweaters) may be purchased at a store of your choice, including Land’s End and monogrammed with The Connection School logo. Hoodies are NOT permitted.

- Monograms are optional **except** for outer wear sweaters and jackets. Monogrammed items are available from Land’s End.
- **Hemline of girls’ jumpers or skirts should hit two inches (2 in) above the knee or lower.** Please check item descriptions before purchasing Land’s End jumpers or skirts.
- All dress shirts and polo shirts must be buttoned and **MAY NOT** be worn as a loose layer over T-shirts or camisole-style garments.
- Bike shorts or leggings should be worn under skirts and jumpers by girls in grades K-3
- Boys’ and Girls’ shorts should have **4-6 inch inseam** for girls in grades K-2 and **6-9 inch inseam** in grades 3-12.
- Belts must be worn when the item of clothing features belt loops. Belts should be of coordinating solid color and feature a small belt buckle.
- Hats and baseball caps **may not** be worn in class.
- Hoodies are **NOT** a permitted uniform item
- PE Uniforms are required for all students in **Grades 4-12** (details below)

PLEASE NOTE: Interpretation of dress code violations is at the discretion of the school administration.

CHAPEL DAY DRESS CODE (ALL STUDENTS)

ALL BOYS

Tops: white oxford shirt, tucked in, solid navy tie, (optional for boys in grades K-5), monogrammed outerwear jacket (Lands' End Uniforms Boys' T-200 Fleece Jacket, for example) or sweater

Bottoms: navy slacks with black or dark blue belt with small buckle. Students in grades K-5 may wear navy dress shorts with black or dark blue belt.

Legwear and shoes: dark socks, black or brown dress shoes

ALL GIRLS

Tops: white collared blouse or oxford shirt, tucked in; monogrammed outerwear jacket (Lands' End Uniforms Boys' T-200 Fleece Jacket, for example) or sweater

Bottoms: clear blue plaid jumper or clear blue plaid skirt **purchased from Land's End. Please follow length guidelines.**

Legwear and shoes: white or navy blue ankle socks, knee sock or tights, dark dress shoes (low heels optional for girls in grades 3-12)

SCHOOL-DAY DRESS CODE (ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5)

	SHIRTS/TOPS	SLACKS/ SHORTS/ SKIRTS/ JUMPERS	OUTERWEAR:
BOYS	<p>POLOS and SHIRTS <u>Color Choice:</u> cobalt blue, navy, white, maize <u>Examples:</u> Lands' End Uniforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Sleeve Solid Performance Interlock Polo Shirt • Long Sleeve Performance Interlock Polo Shirt • Short Sleeve Solid Performance Mesh Polo Shirt • Kids' Long Sleeve Solid Performance Mesh Polo Shirt 	<p>SLACKS <u>Color Choice:</u> classic navy or khaki <u>Examples:</u> Lands' End Uniforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' Plain Front Iron Knee® Stain & Wrinkle Resistant Chino Pants • Boys' Pleat Front Iron Knee® Stain & Wrinkle Resistant Chino Pants <p>SHORTS <u>Color Choice:</u> classic navy or khaki <u>Examples:</u> Lands' End Uniforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' Plain Front Stain & Wrinkle Resistant Chino Shorts • Boys' Pleat Front Chino Shorts 	<p>JACKETS <u>Color Choices:</u> navy or cobalt blue with school monogram (monogram mandatory) <u>Example:</u> Lands' End Uniforms Boys' T-200 Fleece Jacket</p> <p>SWEATERS <u>Color Choices:</u> navy or cobalt blue with school monogram (monogram mandatory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys' Zip-front Drifter Cardigan Sweater • Boys' Button-front Drifter Cardigan Sweater • Boys' Drifter V-neck Sweater • Boys' Drifter Sweater Vest

PE UNIFORM (Grades 4-12)

Athletic shoes that support physical activity

Mesh shorts in navy blue or cobalt blue. (Land's End Item # 393755-BP9) Inseam to hit close to knee; bike shorts must be worn under shorter gym shorts

Gym shirt in navy blue or grey

SCHOOL-DAY DRESS CODE (ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5)

	SHIRTS/TOPS	SLACKS/ SHORTS/ SKIRTS/ JUMPERS	OUTERWEAR:
GIRLS	<p>TOPS <u>Color Choice:</u> cobalt blue, navy, white, maize <u>Example:</u> Lands' End Uniforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Sleeve Solid Performance Interlock Polo Shirt • Long Sleeve Performance Interlock Polo Shirt • Short Sleeve Solid Performance Mesh Polo Shirt • Kids' Long Sleeve Solid Performance Mesh Polo Shirt • Girls' Long Sleeve Ruffle Collar Peter Pan Knit Top • Girls' Long Sleeve Ruffle Collar Peter Pan Knit Top • Girls' Short Sleeve Peter Pan Ruffle Front Knit Polo 	<p>JUMPERS/ DRESSES/ SKIRTS <u>Color Choices:</u> clear blue plaid, classic navy or khaki <u>Examples:</u> Lands' End Uniforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls' Plaid Pleated Side Buckle Jumper • Girls' Side Pleat Solid Blended Jumper • Girls' Plaid Side Button Kilt Skirt • Girls' Regular Side Pleat Plaid Skort • Girls' Regular Uniform Pleated Plaid Skirt • Girls' Regular Plaid A-line Skirt • Bike shorts or leggings should be worn under skirts and jumpers by girls in grades K-3 <p>SLACKS / SHORTS <u>Color Choices:</u> classic navy or khaki <u>Examples:</u> Lands' End Uniforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls' Pleat Front Iron Knee® Blend Chino Pants • Girls' Iron Knee® Elastic Waist Blend Chino Pants • Girls' Plain Front Blend Chino Shorts • Girls' Pleat Front Blend Chino Shorts • Girls' Stain Resistant Stretch Crop Pants 	<p>JACKETS <u>Color Choices:</u> navy or cobalt blue with school monogram (monogram mandatory)</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Lands' End School Uniform Girls' T-200 Fleece Jacket</p> <p>SWEATERS <u>Color Choices:</u> navy or yellow <u>Examples:</u> Lands' End Uniforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls' Button-front Drifter Cardigan Sweater

PE UNIFORM (Grades 4-12)

Athletic shoes that support physical activity

Mesh shorts in navy blue or cobalt blue. (Land's End Item # 393755-BP9) Inseam to hit close to knee; bike shorts must be worn under shorter gym shorts

Gym shirt in navy blue or grey

SCHOOL-DAY DRESS CODE (JR HIGH GRADES 6-8)

BOYS & GIRLS	All of the above choices and mandatory uniform items for chapel day.	All of the above choices with the addition of Jeans – appropriately fitting; no designs, rips, or fraying.	All of the above choices and mandatory monogrammed outerwear as listed above.
PE UNIFORM (Grades 4-12)	<p>Athletic shoes that support physical activity</p> <p>Mesh shorts in navy blue or cobalt blue. (Land’s End Item # 393755-BP9) Inseam to hit close to knee; bike shorts must be worn under shorter gym shorts</p> <p>Gym shirt in navy blue or grey</p>		

SCHOOL-DAY DRESS CODE (HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12)

LADIES & GENTS	All of the above choices with the addition of personal choice of color for polo shirts or long sleeved buttoned dress shirts. No designs, imprints or logos , other than school logo is permitted	All of the above choices with the addition of Jeans – appropriately fitting; no designs, rips, or fraying.	All of the above choices and mandatory monogrammed outerwear as listed above.
PE UNIFORM (Grades 4-12)	<p>Athletic shoes that support physical activity</p> <p>Mesh shorts in navy blue or cobalt blue. (Land’s End Item # 393755-BP9) Inseam to hit close to knee; bike shorts must be worn under shorter gym shorts</p> <p>Gym shirt in navy blue or grey</p>		

ADDITIONAL ITEMS (ALL STUDENTS)

GROOMING	<p>Boys – hair must be appropriately trimmed; above the ear and above the eyebrows, not reach below the collar of a dress shirt.</p> <p>Clean shaven – no beard or mustache.</p> <p>No visible tattoos or body piercings</p> <p>Girls – neatly styled hair, natural hair coloring; highlights or hair color only in natural hair colors; bows, ribbons, or headbands should coordinate with uniform and not distract from well-groomed appearance.</p> <p>No visible tattoos or body piercings, except single pierced ears for girls.</p> <p>MAKE-UP - Secondary School ladies (grades 6-12) may wear light make-up that enhances rather than distracts or draws attention. Moderation and modesty should be the guide.</p>
FOOTWEAR	<p>All footwear should complement dress code; reflect modesty and moderation, and keep students safe.</p> <p>PRIMARY grades (K-5) rubber-soled, close toed dress shoes; sneakers or athletic shoes; NO sandals, flip flops, crocks or jellies.</p> <p>SECONDARY grades (6-12) dress shoes; girls shoes with 2 inch heel or less; athletic shoes; sneakers, sandals; NO flip flops, crocks, or jellies.</p>
JEWELRY	<p>Guideline for all jewelry is modesty, moderation, and safety.</p> <p>Modest rings may be worn; small, short necklaces may be worn.</p> <p>Girls may wear stud earrings in grades K-5, and dangling earrings in grades 6-12.</p> <p>Boys may NOT wear studs or earrings.</p>
FRIDAY DRESS CODE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirt: School shirts, Christian T-shirts, School Spirit Shirts, or a Plain T-shirt. • Pants: School shorts or pants, Blue Jean pants, NO Blue Jean Shorts or gym shorts • Dress/Skirts: school uniform jumper or skirt • Shoes: comfortable closed toed shoes or athletic shoes. Please refer to the TCS dress code. • Outdoor Dress: Friday students are welcome to bring a change of clothes for the afternoon outdoor games and activities. Please refer to the TCS dress code policy for PE.